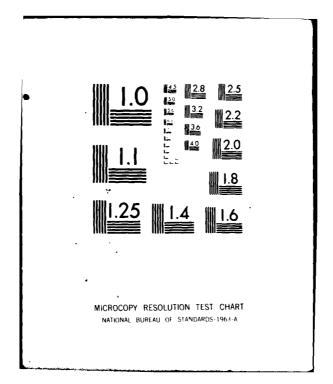
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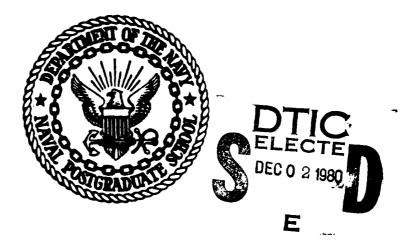
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#### **ABSTRACT**

A new method of numerical solution for time-harmonic field scattering problems involving inhomogeneous bodies of revolution is presented. A simple single-loop multiport feedback system is driven by the incident field. The forward path transfer matrix, found by use of the finite-element method, translates the total near-field into the body-surface field. The feedback path matrix is established by the magnetic vector potential formulation; it translates the body-surface currents into the scattered near-field. The thin-wire scattering problem is formulated in terms of this field feedback method. Results of this computation are compared in graphical form to those found by Hallen's integral equation solution of the scattering problem for several cases of interest.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The objective of this endeavor is to investigate the performance of a new, and potentially quite powerful, technique for the computation of electromagnetic scattering problems. For reasons that will later become apparent, this new technique will be denoted the "field feedback formulation" (FFF or  $\mathbf{F}^3$ ). The work reported here is a first application of  $\mathbf{F}^3$ , where the calculation of scattering from straight thin-wires has been performed. This is an almost classical electromagnetic field problem that has been routinely solved by use of integral equations for many years. Such a cononical problem was chosen as a testing vehicle for the newly conceived  $\mathbf{F}^3$  analysis method since alternate integral equation solutions are readily available for comparisons.

The formulation developed here employs a combination of the finite element numerical method and the classical magnetic vector potential. The finite element method (FEM) is an application of variational techniques which implements a weighted residual approximation. The high accuracy of the finite element method is used to advantage in reducing the amount of computing required, as compared to other numerical methods. Use is also made of coupled azimuthal potentials (CAP). The CAP formulation restricts the class of approachable

problems to those which are axially symmetric, but does allow the treatment of material inhomogeneities and multiwavelength dimensions.

Thin-wire assumptions are made which greatly simplify the current-scattering problem. These assumptions, however, are by no means critical to the solution method. The formulation should be readily extendable to a large class of important interior, radiation, and scattering problems.

#### II. THE PROBLEM AND METHOD OF SOLUTION

Electromagnetic scattering problems usually involve a known incident field, such as a uniform plane wave. The scattered field can be found from the current induced by the presence of the incident field, but the induced current can be found only after the total field is known. Since the total field is just the sum of the incident and scattered fields, a definite difficulty has been encountered. Knowledge of the induced current is needed to find the scattered field, while at the same time, the scattered field must be known to determine the induced current.

This is clearly seen in the form of Maxwell's equations for the scattering problem. Assume that a scatterer with properties  $Y_1 = \sigma_1 + j\omega \epsilon_1$ ,  $Z_1 = j\omega \mu$ , is in free space where  $Y_0 = j\omega \mu_0$ ,  $Z_0 = j\omega \mu_0$ , and in the presence of sources  $\overline{J}_0$ ,  $\overline{M}_0$ . Then the curl equations have the form

$$\nabla x \overline{H} = \overline{J}_{O} + Y_{1} \overline{E}$$
 (la)

$$\nabla x \overline{E} = -\overline{M}_{O} - A_{1} \overline{H}$$
 (1b)

where the induced electric and magnetic currents are

$$\overline{J}_{1} = (Y_{1} - Y_{0})\overline{E}$$
 (2a)

 $\overline{M}_1 = (Z_1 - Z_0)\overline{H}$ 

and the scattered magnetic field is

$$\overline{H}_{\text{scat}} = \overline{H} - \overline{H}_{\text{incident}}$$
 (3)

The electric field relationship is, of course, similar.

The simple and compact nature of the simultaneous equations (1) and (2) is highly appealing, but of little practical use in obtaining numerical answers to a problem because of the excessive computing required. Yet, while the requirement to have two unknowns cannot be escaped, the equations relating these unknowns can at least be rendered more tractable.

#### A. THE FIELD FEEDBACK FORMULATION

As will be shown later, two simple matrix equations can be derived which relate the magnetic and electric fields at a number of points along the surface of the scatterer to the fields at points along a boundary some distance away. These equations are independent and work in opposite directions. That is, from the first equation, given the total boundary field values,  $\underline{e}_{t}$  and  $\underline{h}_{t}$ , the scatterer surface total field values,  $\underline{e}_{t}$  and  $\underline{h}_{t}$ , can be found:

$$\left[\underline{e}_{\omega}\right] \underline{h}_{\omega} \mathbf{I}^{T} = \underbrace{V} \left[\underline{e}_{t}\right] \underline{h}_{t} \mathbf{I}^{T}$$
(4a)

The column vectors,  $[\underline{e}_i|\underline{h}_i]^T$ , contain the field values at the computation points. The second equation takes  $[\underline{e}_{\omega}|\underline{h}_{\omega}]^T$  and yields the scattered field values  $[\underline{e}_s|\underline{h}_s]^T$  along the boundary:

$$[e_s|h_s]^T = I [\underline{e}_{\omega}|\underline{h}_{\omega}]^T$$
 (4b)

Equations (4a), (4b), and (3) comprise a simple feedback system, as in Figure 1.

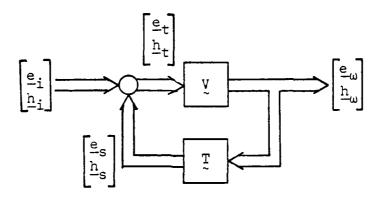


Figure 1. Field Feedback

What remains, then, is to construct the matrices Y and T to fit the problem at hand. It should be pointed out that the magnetic field alone is involved in the wire-scatterer problem as developed here. So  $\left[\underline{e}_{X} \dot{h}_{X}\right]^{T}$  is replaced by  $\underline{h}_{X}$ . The field translation matrices Y and T, though developed in exactly the same way, will be considerably simplified as compared to the general scatterer case.

#### B. THE WIRE SCATTERING PROBLEM

Given a perfectly conducting thin wire in free space, and a plane wave of known amplitude incident from a known direction, it is required to find the current induced on the wire and the

field scattered by the wire at any point in space. Finding the induced current is equivalent to finding the field on the wire surface, since  $\overline{J} = \hat{n} \times \overline{H}$ , where  $\hat{n}$  is the unit vector normal to the surface. Normalized coordinates will be used throughout the problem, and are given by

$$(R,Z,\phi) = (K_{o}r, K_{o}z, \phi).$$

The coordinates  $(r,Z,\phi)$  are standard circular cylindrical coordinates, and  $K_0=2\pi/\lambda_0$  is the free space wavenumber of the time-harmonic field. The situation is depicted in Figure 2. Use of these normalized coordinates will allow the formation of a compact and useful form of the CAP equations.

The wire radius is a, given in terms of  $\lambda_0$ , the free space wavelength. Then the normalized radius is  $R_a = 2\pi a/\lambda_0$ . The wire length is L, also given in wavelengths. So  $Z_L = 2\pi L/\lambda_0$ . The incidence angle of the plane wave is  $\alpha$ , measured as shown in Figure 2. Since perfect conductivity is assumed, fields and currents will exist only on the surface of the wire. And since a very thin wire will be assumed, where a  $<\lambda_0/10$ , the current at the wire ends may be set to zero.

The problem will not be solved in terms of the usual electric and magnetic fields,  $\overline{E}$  and  $\overline{H}$ , or the scalar potential, V. Instead, use will be made of the magnetic vector potential,  $\overline{A}$ . The current and scattered fields will be presented and calculated in terms of the CAP formulation discussed below.

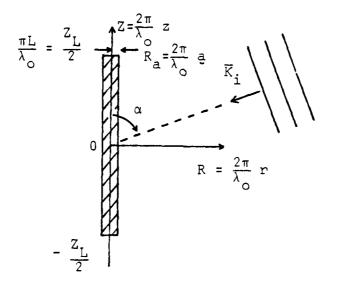


Figure 2. Normalized Coordinates

#### C. COUPLED AZIMUTHAL POTENTIALS

The CAP formulation [3] has been developed to handle previously intractable time-harmonic field problems involving continuously and discretely inhomogeneous bodies of revolution. With this limitation of axial symmetry, all electromagnetic field components can be expanded via exponential Fourier series in the  $\phi$  coordinate. The model fields can then be represented by two coupled azimuthal potentials. These potentials satisfy a system of coupled partial differential equations, as well as a variational criterion, which will be developed here.

Using the normalized coordinates in Figure 2, the total fields are decomposed into azimuthal modes:

$$\overline{E}(R,Z,\phi) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{e}_{m} (R,Z) \exp(jm\phi)$$
 (5a)

$$\eta_{o}\overline{H}(R,Z,\phi) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{h}_{m}(R,Z)\exp(jm\phi)$$
 (5b)

where  $\eta_0=120\pi$ . By substitution of these expansions into Maxwell's equations, it can be shown that all modal field components can be generated from two coupled azimuthal potentials  $\psi_1(R,Z,m)$  and  $\psi_2(R,Z,m)$ , using

$$\hat{\phi} \times \overline{e}_{m} = j f_{m} (m \hat{\phi} \times \nabla \psi_{1} - R \mu_{p} \nabla \psi_{2})$$
 (6a)

$$\hat{\phi} \cdot \bar{e}_{m} = \psi_{1}/R \tag{6b}$$

$$\hat{\phi} \times \overline{h}_{m} = j f_{m} (m \hat{\phi} \times \nabla \psi_{2} + R \epsilon_{r} \nabla \psi_{1})$$
 (6c)

$$\hat{\phi} \cdot \overline{h}_{m} = \psi_{2}/R \tag{6d}$$

where  $\hat{\varphi}$  is the unit azimuthal vector,  $\triangledown$  is the two dimensional gradient operator, and

$$f_{m}[R,Z] = [\mu_{r}(R,Z)\varepsilon_{r}(R,Z)R^{2} - m^{2}]^{-1}$$
 (7)

The Euler-Lagrange variational technique will be discussed more fully in the exposition of the finite element method below. It is sufficient to note here that this technique finds the solution of the system partial differential

equations as the stationary point of a functional of the potentials and their first derivatives. This stationary point is defined as the point  $(\psi_{10}, \psi_{20})$  at which the variation of F,  $\delta$ F, vanishes for perturbations  $(\delta \psi_1, \delta \psi_2)$  about that point.

The functional F is a surface integral of the Lagrangian L, where

$$L = f_{m} [\nabla \psi_{1} \cdot (R \varepsilon_{r} \nabla \psi_{1} + m \hat{\phi} \times \nabla \psi_{2}) + \nabla \psi_{2} \cdot (R \mu_{r} \nabla \psi_{2} - m \hat{\phi} \times \nabla \psi_{1})]$$

$$- (\varepsilon_{r} \psi_{1}^{2} + \mu_{r} \psi_{2}^{2}) / R$$
(8)

The functional F is integrated over the constant azimuth planar meridian cross section  $\Omega$  of the volume in which the solution is of interest.

It is convenient at this point to change variables, and introduce a simplifying assumption. From (6b) and (6d) we have  $e_{\phi m}(R,Z)=\psi_1/R$  and  $h_{\phi m}(R,Z)=\psi_2/R$ . So finding only the azimuthal components of the modal fields,  $e_{\phi m}$  and  $h_{\phi m}$ , will yield a complete solution through (6a) and (6c). Now, since a thin wire is assumed, the phase variation of the incident field from side to side on the wire may be neglected. Then the induced current will be a function of Z alone;  $\overline{J}=J_Z\hat{Z}$ . Therefore the scattered fields will be azimuthally invariant, so that  $\overline{E}(R,Z,\phi)=\overline{e}_{O}(R,Z)$  and  $\eta_{O}\overline{H}(R,Z,\phi)=\overline{h}_{O}(R,Z)$ . Furthermore, since  $J_Z=\hat{n}x\overline{H}=H_{\phi}Z$  and since

$$\overline{Z} = \frac{1}{j\omega\varepsilon} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \overline{H} = \frac{1}{j\omega\varepsilon} \left[ -\hat{R} \frac{\partial H_{\phi}}{\partial Z} + \hat{Z} \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} R H_{\phi} \right],$$

it follows that  $e_{\phi o}$  = 0, and  $\overline{h}_o$  =  $h_{\phi o}$  . The number of modes has now been reduced to one, the  $h_{\phi o}$  mode.

Observe that (6a) and (6c) no longer involve coupled potentials. This allows the Lagrangian to be decoupled, and it may now be written

$$L = f_0 \{ \nabla (Rh_{\phi 0}) \cdot [R_{\mu r} \nabla (Rh_{\phi 0})] \} - \mu_r Rh_{\phi 0}^2.$$
 (9)

So the functional is

$$F = \int_{\Omega} L(R, Z, h_{\phi o}, \nabla h_{\phi o}) dRdZ$$
 (10)

It remains to find  $h_{\dot{\phi}o}(R,Z)$  to make F stationary in  $\Omega$  for given Dirichlet boundary conditions. This will be done by use of the finite element method.

#### III. COMPUTATIONAL PROCEDURES

The constructions of the  $\underline{V}$  and  $\underline{T}$  matrices have little in common other than the coordinate system. The finite element method is used to generate V. T is derived from the magnetic vector potential in this perfect conductor case, while if a dielectric body were used, both electric and magnetic vector potentials would be required to construct T. The use of numerical methods obviously implies that the current and fields will be found only at discrete points. As discussed in Section II.C., only points in a constant azimuth meridian plane need be considered. The region between the wire surface and the boundary at which the fields are to be calculated is divided into triangular elements. These are areas of integration in the finite element method. The divisions and the nodal numbering scheme are shown in Figure 3. There are a total of  ${\rm N}_{\rm W}$  points along the wire, and  ${\rm N}_{\rm R}$  points along the boundary.

#### A. FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

This method is one whereby the region of interest is divided into a number of overlapping subregions of a specified shape. Then the problem solution function  $\theta$  is approximated by defining the solution as a linear combination of the products of unknown coefficients with "basis" functions defined over

over each of the overlapping subregions. These basis functions are usually sectionally linear, and, in very simple terms, are used to "fill in" the approximation between points. A weighted residual approximation of the solution  $\theta$ , commonly known as the Ritz method, can then be made by the application of the discretized Euler-Lagrange variational procedure, subject to the appropriate boundary conditions. The rigorous development of each of these parts of the finite element method is not necessary here, but the background required for a basic understanding of the method will be given below.

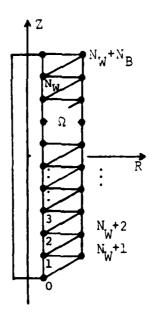


Figure 3. Solution Points

#### 1. Basis Function Expansions

In order to solve a problem numerically, some method of approximating the solution using a finite number of unknowns must be found. Also, the method's convenience must be balanced against the desired accuracy. A general term for such an approximation is a "basis function expansion" of a function  $\theta$  [2]. The type of expansion used in the finite element method for a one-dimensional problem is given by

$$\theta_{N}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \theta_{i} u_{i}(X)$$
 (11)

where  $\theta_{N}$  is the discrete version of  $\theta$ , the  $\theta_{i}$  are the values of  $\theta(X)$  at the discrete points  $X_{i}$ , and the  $U_{i}(X)$  are the basis functions at the points  $X_{i}$ . Linear basis functions are usually employed in FEM calculations, though quadratic or higher-order polynomial functions could be used to obtain greater accuracy. Linear basis functions for a one-dimensional problem are shown in Figure 4. Note that the node spacing is irregular. This allows tailoring of the expansion to better approximate the solution, and, in two or higher dimensional cases, may be necessary because of the shape of the solution region. If neither of these are necessary, regular node spacing can be used with some advantage to reduce complexity. The basis functions  $u_{i}$  are seen

to have unit value at their respective nodes  $x_i$ , and are zero for  $x_{i-1} \ge x \ge x_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \le i \le N$ .

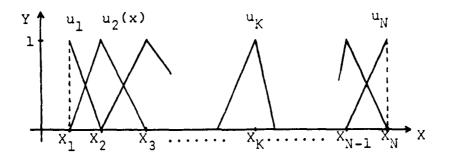


Figure 4. Linear Basis Functions

A two-dimensional linear basis function often used is the "pyramid" function; its two-dimensional projection is shown in Figure 5. A rectangular region  $\Omega$  in the x-y plane has been discretized by division into the triangular elements shown. The boundary  $\partial\Omega_{32}$  in  $\Omega$  of the function  $u_{3,2}(x,y)$  has been outlined to make the shape clear.

The function has a value of one at the center node, and is zero along and outside the periphery. Its equation can be written

$$u_{32}(x,y) = u_{32}^{j}(x,y), j = a,f$$
 (12)

where the component functions are planar segments of the form

$$u_{32}^{j} = \alpha x + 3 y + \gamma \tag{13}$$

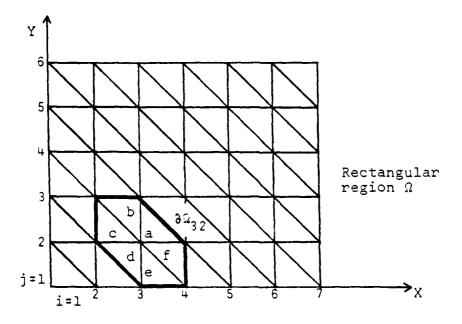


Figure 5. Two-Dimensional Finite Element Mesh Then  $\alpha,3$ , $\gamma$  must be functions of (x,y) so that  $u_{32}^{\dot{j}}(x_3,y_2)=1$ ,  $u_{32}^{\dot{j}}(x_i,y_j)=0$ ,  $i\neq 3$ ,  $j\neq 2$ , for integer (i,j).

As in the one-dimensional case, the basis functions overlap; that is, a function is centered around each node in the region or on the boundary. Of course, on the boundary of  $\Omega$ at least half of the function is "lost" outside  $\Omega$ . The overall appearance of the basis function array in three dimensions might be imagined as a crystalline surface of multifaceted peaks centered over the nodes, with raised valleys running between. If a function  $\theta(x,y)$  were defined over  $\Omega$ , its expansion could be written

$$\theta_{N}(x,y) = \sum_{i=j}^{7} \sum_{j=1}^{6} \theta_{ij} u_{ij}(x,y)$$
 (14)

If the exact values of  $\theta_{ij}$  were known,  $\theta_N$  would be a multifaceted approximation to  $\theta_{(x,y)}$ , equal only at the nodes  $x_{ij}$ . Then, within the limitations of machine accuracy and computing time, the greater the node density the better the approximation  $\theta_N$  will be.

The wire scattering problem expands the field,  $h_{\phi o}$ , by use of these pyramid basis functions. Referring to Figure 3, it is seen that the region  $\Omega$  covered by the triangular elements will not contain any complete pyramids, but this is not really necessary. It will prove convenient to use a sequential node coordinate system rather than the (i,j) Cartesian description of (12). Let n be the node coordinate, where  $1 \le n \le N$ ,  $N = N_W + N_B$ . Then the approximating expansion  $h_{\phi N}$  of  $h_{\phi O}$  can be written

$$h_{\phi N}(R,Z) = \int_{n=1}^{N} h_n u_n(R,Z)$$
 (15)

Note that the top and bottom wire nodes are not represented. This is because of the assumption that  $h_{\phi,0}=0$  at these points.

Two field vectors can now be defined. The nodal wiresurface field is

$$\underline{h}_{w} = \underline{h}_{n}$$
 ,  $n = 1$ ,  $N_{w}$  (16)

The nodal boundary field is

$$\underline{h}_{B} = \underline{h}_{n}$$
 ,  $n = H_{w}+1$ ,  $N$  (17)

These vectors contain the approximate values of  $\boldsymbol{h}_{\varphi o}$  at the nodes of the triangular mesh.

#### 2. Euler-Lagrange Variational Technique

Consider the differential equation  $A\theta=f$ , which together with certain boundary conditions, describes some physical problem in a region  $\Omega$ . The complex scalar wave (Helmholz) equation,  $A = [7^2+k^2]\theta=0$  is an example. The differential equation is related to the functional  $F(\theta)$ , where

$$F(\theta) = \int_{\Omega} L(\theta, D_{x}\theta, D_{y}\theta, x, y)d\Omega$$
 (18)

This relationship is a fundamental result of the calculus of variations, and simply stated, is the fact that the functional  $F(\theta)$  is stationary at the "point"  $\theta_{0}$  which also satisfies the differential equation. That is, if the particular function  $\theta_{0}$  can be found which causes the derivative (or first variation) of  $F(\theta)$  to vanish, then  $F(\theta)$  is said to be stationary, and  $\theta_{0}$  is said to be the stationary point of  $F(\theta)$ ;  $\theta_{0}$  is then the solution of the equation  $A\theta = f[5]$ .

Observe that the vanishing of dF/d0 implies that a minimum, maximum, or saddle point of F occurs  $\theta=\theta_0$ . In many physical problems F is associated with the potential energy of systems and thus finding  $\theta_0$  is sometimes termed the

"minimization" of F. The problem now presents a choice of computational methods. The differential equation might be approximated by a discrete system, say finite differences, or the variational integral, F, can be "minimized" over a finite number of trial functions, as is done by the finite element method.

It is necessary in this procedure to find the Lagrangian L for use in  $F(\theta)$  [4]. This L must be such that its insertion in the Euler-Lagrange equation produces the differential equation that is to be solved. As an example, the Euler-Lagrange equation for the two independent variable case is given by

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial L} - \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \left[ \frac{\partial D^{X}}{\partial D^{X}} \frac{\partial}{\partial L} \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \left[ \frac{\partial D^{X}}{\partial D^{X}} \frac{\partial}{\partial L} \right] = 0$$
 (19)

There is no definite way to discover L for any given problem, but it usually yields to informed guessing.

The problem's boundary conditions present no unmanageable difficulties in this formulation. If  $\theta$  is specified on the boundary (Dirichlet boundary conditions) nothing else need be done. If  $\theta$  is unspecified on the boundard, the stationary solution will automatically fulfill the Neumann boundary condition,  $\frac{d\theta}{dn} = 0$ , also known as the natural boundary condition. Boundary conditions of a more complicated type will require the functional F to be modified, but this procedure will not

be necessary here. It can be easily shown by using the field generating equations in [6], that the natural boundary condition here results in a zero tangential electric field on the wire surface.

#### 3. Application to the Thin-Wire Problem

As discussed in Section II, the driving force in the scattering problem is the incident plane wave. Then, the boundary conditions to be applied are the natural condition along the wire, for nodes n=1, N $_{\rm w}$ , and a Dirichlet condition along the outer boundary of  $\Omega$ ; h $_{\rm po}$ =h $_{\rm t}$  (total field). The Dirichlet condition h $_{\rm \phio}$ =0 has also been imposed on the top and bottom wire nodes. These correspond to boundary conditions along the top and bottom node rows of a larger mesh, as in Figure 5.

The minimization of F for the wire scattering problem is carried out as follows. F is discretized by substituting  $h_{\varphi N}$  for  $h_{\varphi O}$ , which yields the approximate functional

$$F(h_{\phi N}) = \int_{\Omega} [f_{\phi} \{ \nabla (Rh_{\phi N}) \cdot R\mu_{r} \nabla (Rh_{\phi N}) \} - R\mu_{r} h_{\phi N}^{2}] dRdZ$$
 (20)

The exact functional  $F(h_{\varphi O})$  is made stationary about the solution  $h_{\varphi O}$  by differentiating F with respect to  $h_{\varphi O}$ . This makes F stationary about every point on  $h_{\varphi O}$ . Since the approximate solution is to be found only at a finite number  $(N_W)$  of points, the functional needs to be made stationary only at those points. This is done by a simultaneous solution of the  $N_W$  stationary condition equations

$$0 = \frac{dF}{dh_{i}} (h_{\phi N}) = 2 \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{R} \nabla R \frac{dh_{\phi N}}{dh_{i}} \cdot \nabla R h_{\phi N} - R \frac{dh_{\phi N}}{dh_{i}} h_{\phi N} \right]$$

$$dRdZ$$
,  $i = N_{\omega}$  (21)

where  $h_{i}$  is the unknown value of  $h_{\varphi N}$  at the node n=i, and  $\mu_{r}\text{=1.}$  Writing  $h_{\varphi N}$  explicitly,

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{1}{R} \nabla Ru_{i} \cdot \nabla R \sum_{n=1}^{N} h_{n}u_{n} - Ru_{i} \sum_{n=1}^{N} h_{n}u_{n}\right] dRdZ = 0, i=1,Nw$$
 (22)

or, since  $\sum_{n=1}^{N} h_n$  is a linear operator with no coordinate dependence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} h_{n} \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{1}{R} \nabla R u_{i} \cdot \nabla R u_{n} - R u_{i} u_{n}\right] dR dZ = 0, i=1,Nw$$
 (23)

Boundary conditions at the top and bottom wire nodes are already included in these equations. Application of the total field boundary condition is accomplished by observing that the  $h_n$ ,  $n=N_w+1$ ,N are known, where, using (15),  $\underline{h}_B=\underline{h}_t$ . So by splitting the sum the useful minimization equations for  $F(h_{\phi N})$  are found to be

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N_{w}} c_{in}h_{n} + \sum_{n=N_{w}+1}^{N} c_{in}h_{n} = 0 , i=1,Nw$$
 (24a)

where

$$c_{in} = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{R} \nabla R u_{i} \cdot \nabla R u_{n} - R u_{i} u_{n} \right] dRdZ$$
 (24b)

The matrix equation to be used for computation can be formed directly from (24). First, recall that the basis functions  $\mathbf{u}_{n}$  are zero on and outside of the boundary  $\partial\Omega_{n}$ . This means that the product of non-overlapping basis functions is zero. For example, in Figure 3,  $\mathbf{u}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{1} = 0$ . Thus

$$u_i u_n = 0$$
 ,  $|n-i| \ge 2$  (25a)

and

$$\nabla Ru_i \cdot \nabla Ru_n = 0$$
 ,  $|n-i| \ge 2$  (25b)

This behavior is very useful in that it produces banded coefficient matrices. Special techniques can be used to invert large banded matrices very quickly. Writing out a few equations should make the matrix construction clear.

$$i=1: C_{11}h_1+C_{12}h_2 + C_{1N_{ij}+1}h_{N_{ij}+1} + C_{1N_{ij}+2}h_{N_{ij}+2} = 0$$

$$i=2: C_{21}h_1+C_{22}h_2+C_{23}h_3+C_{2N_w+2}h_{N_w+2}+C_{2N_w+3}h_{N_w+3}=0$$

i=3: 
$$C_{32}h_2+C_{33}h_3+C_{34}h_4+C_{3N_w+3}h_{N_w+3}+C_{3N_w+4}h_{N_w+4}=0$$
 (26)

The system equation can therefore be written

$$\frac{Ah}{2}w = -\frac{Bh}{2}B \tag{27}$$

where the  $N_w \times N_w$  coefficient matrix  $\tilde{A}$  contains the basis function integrals for  $i=1,N_w,n=1,N_w$  and the  $N_w \times N_w+1$  matrix  $\tilde{B}$  contains the integrals for  $i=1,N_w,n=N_w+1,N$ . Both  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  are diagonal and have the forms

The wire field  $\underline{h}_{W}$  due to the boundary field  $\underline{h}_{B}$  is now known, since

$$\underline{\mathbf{h}}_{\mathbf{W}} = -\mathbf{A}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{B}} \underline{\mathbf{h}}_{\mathbf{B}} = \underline{\mathbf{V}} \underline{\mathbf{h}}_{\mathbf{t}}$$
 (28)

Equation (28) is the forward path in the system of Figure 1. The actual calculation of the  $A_{\rm in}, B_{\rm in}$  will be discussed in Section III.C.

#### B. SCATTERED FIELD INTEGRAL

#### 1. Vector Potential Formulation

The development of the feedback path is less complicated than the forward path construction given in III.A. The

thin-wire approximation is applied to the familiar classical vector potential  $\overline{A}$ , and a matrix equation formulation built on a one-dimensional basis function expansion. The result will be an approximation giving the near field produced by a wire-surface field or current.

From the inhomogeneous Helmholz equation

$$\nabla^2 \overline{A} + k^2 \overline{A} = -\overline{J} \tag{29}$$

it is seen, since  $\overline{J}=J_Z^{\hat{Z}}$  by assumption, that  $\overline{A}=A_Z^{\hat{Z}}$ . Then it follows from the vector potential defining equation

$$\overline{H} = \nabla \times \overline{A}$$
 (30)

that

$$H_{\phi} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial R} A_{z}(R,Z)$$
 (31)

The azimuthal invariance of  $\overline{H}$  has been made explicit in (31).

A commonly used expression for  $\overline{A}$  [1] is given as an integration of a weighted point-source Green's function  $G(\overline{r}',\overline{r})$  over the current source where

$$G(\overline{r}',\overline{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-jk}o|\overline{r}-\overline{r}'|}{|\overline{r}-\overline{r}'|}$$
(32)

Then

$$\overline{A}(\overline{r}) = \int_{V'} \overline{J}(\overline{r}')G(\overline{r}',\overline{r})dV'$$
 (33)

This general situation is shown in Figure 6.

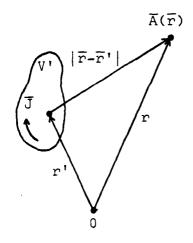


Figure 6

#### 2. Scattered Field Matrix Equation

The formulation is easily applied to the thin-wire case. Recalling that  $h_{\varphi o} = \eta_o H_{\varphi}$ , and assuming that the current  $J_Z$  lies along the Z axis,  $\overline{A}$ , for the thin wire, is

$$\eta_{o}A_{Z}(R,Z) = \int_{S} \int h_{\phi}(Z') \frac{e^{-j|D|}}{4\pi|D|} R_{a}d\phi dZ' \qquad (34)$$

where,  $|D| = \sqrt{R^2 + (Z-Z)^2}$ , as seen in Figure 7, and the integration is over S, the wire surface. Now, putting (34) in (31) yields

$$h_{\phi o}(R,Z) = \frac{R_a R}{2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2Z} \frac{1}{Z_{f}} h_{\phi o}(Z') \left[ \frac{j}{|D|^2} + \frac{1}{|D|^3} \right] e^{-j|D|} dZ'$$
 (35)

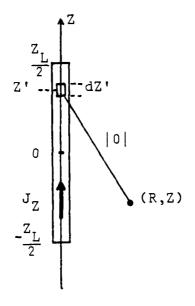


Figure 7

This  $h_{\phi o}(R,Z)$  is approximately the scattered field,  $h_s(R,Z)$ , radiated by the wire carrying an induced current  $J_Z$ . This wire current, in the form of  $h_{\phi o}(Z')$ , must be approximated by a basis function expansion so that  $h_s(R,Z)$  can be computed. Since  $h_{\phi o}(Z')$  is a function of Z only, the one-dimensional linear basis functions shown in Figure 4 may be used. Then, for the same  $N_w$  nodes along the wire, as in Section III.A.,

$$h_{\phi o}(Z') = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{v}} h_n u_n(Z')$$
 (36)

Notice that (36) defines the same nodal surface-field vector as (16). Substitution of (36) into (35) produces

$$h_{s}(R,Z) = \frac{R_{a}R}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{t,r}} h_{n} \int_{Z'_{n-1}}^{Z'_{n+1}} u_{n}(Z') \left[\frac{j}{|D|^{2}} + \frac{1}{|D|^{3}}\right] e^{-j|D|} dZ'$$
(37)

The limits of integration reduce from  $\pm Z_{L/2}$  to  $Z'_{n-1}$ ,  $Z'_{n+1}$  because the basis function  $u_n(Z')$  is zero for  $Z'_{n-1} \ge Z' \ge Z_{n+1}$ . Equation (37) can be used to construct the T matrix by noting that (37) gives the scattered field at one point (R,Z). Then, by choosing a number of points in some region, a discrete field approximation can be constructed. The points chosen will be, unsurprisingly, just those  $N_B$  points along the finite element mesh border. So the matrix equation is

$$\underline{h}_{S} = \underline{T} \underline{h}_{W} \tag{38a}$$

where

$$T_{bn} = \frac{R_a R}{2} \int_{Z'_{n-1}}^{Z'_{n+1}} u_n(Z') \left[ \frac{j}{|D|^2} + \frac{1}{|D|^3} \right] e^{-j|D|} dZ'$$
 (38b)

is the coefficient of the n-th value of the wire field, and  $T_{\rm bn}h_{\rm n}$  is one term of the b-th value of the scattered field.

Finally, since  $\underline{h}_t = \underline{h}_s + \underline{h}_{inc}$ , an expression for the total field in terms of the incident and wire fields is

$$\frac{h_{+}}{h_{+}} = \frac{h_{inc}}{h_{inc}} + \frac{T}{h_{inc}}$$
 (39)

The scattered field  $h_s$  found in (38) is a near field expression. It is valid at any distance from the wire, but this behavior does not extend to the entire problem. If  $h_{s}$ were to be found at some large distance from the wire, simply extending the radial width of  $\Omega$  would not suffice. This is because FEM calculation accuracy degrades as the distance from the wire to the boundary,  $\boldsymbol{B}_{L}^{},$  increases. The magnitudes of the electrostatic and induction fields decrease rapidly as R increases, so the point is quickly reached where they become effectively zero as far as computer calculations are concerned. The resulting incorrect total field values are a part of the FEM R-related inaccuracies. The greater part of the FEM error is found in the basis function expansion of  $h_{\phi}$ . The planar-section basis functions used are unable to accurately model the near field over a large radial distance, where "large", in this case, may be 1/100 of the wavelength.

To solve the far-field problem, the near-field solution must first be obtained for the wire field  $\underline{h}_w$ . Then (38) may be used to find  $\underline{h}_s$  along any boundary. For typical farfield problems, assumptions may be made to reduce the integral's complexity. Let  $\beta$  be the angle of the far-field point, measured from the Z axis at the origin. Then  $R=k_0r\sin\beta$ , where r is the spherical radius of the point. The far-field assumption is

$$|D| = k_0 r - Z' \cos\beta$$
 (in phase term of (38b)) (40a)

$$|D| = k_0 r$$
 (in denominators) (40b)

So the radiation field along a spherical arc of radius r is given by (38), where  $T_{\rm bn}$  is

$$T_{bn} = j \frac{a \sin \beta}{2r} e^{-jk_0 r} \int_{Z'_{n-1}}^{Z'_{n+1}} u_n(Z') e^{jZ'\cos \beta} dZ'$$
 (41)

#### C. PROBLEM IMPLEMENTATION

Combining equations (27) and (39) gives

$$\underline{h}_{W} = -(A+BT)^{-1}B \underline{h}_{inc}$$
 (42)

This is, of course, the same equation as is represented in Figure 1, where  $V = -A^{-1}B$ . The system "transfer matrix" is defined by

$$\underline{h}_{w} = (\underline{I} - \underline{V} \cdot \underline{T})^{-1} \cdot \underline{V} \cdot \underline{h}_{inc}$$
 (43a)

Simple matrix algebra leads to a simplification of this result

$$\underline{h}_{w} = -(\underline{A} + \underline{B} \cdot \underline{T})^{-1} \cdot \underline{B} \cdot \underline{h}_{inc}$$
 (43b)

Multiplying this equation by (A+BT) yields (42), so the system equation as derived does behave as a feedback system.

The only variable remaining to be identified is  $h_{inc}$ , the incident field vector. The incident plane wave  $h_{inc}$  can be

expressed in the normalized cylindrical coordinate system as

$$h_{\phi}(R,Z) = je^{-jZ\cos\alpha} J_{\phi}'(R\sin\alpha)$$
 (44)

where  $J_0$ ' is the derivative of the zeroth-order Bessel function. Since R will be kept small, as discussed in Section III.B., (44) may be simplified by replacing  $J_0$ ' (Rsin $\alpha$ ) with the first few terms of its series expansion

$$J_{o}'(R\sin\alpha) = -\left(\frac{R\sin\alpha}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{R\sin\alpha}{16}\right)^{3} - \left(\frac{R\sin\alpha}{384}\right)^{5}$$
 (45)

Then  $h_{inc}$  may be calculated at the boundary nodes by use of (44) and (45).

Now that expressions for all of the quantities in (42) have been found, the computer program can be devised to carry out the calcuations. The use of an existing routine, CSMINV, for the inversion of (A+BT) reduces the number of major computations to two: equation (24b) for the A and B elements, and equation (38b) for the scattered field coefficients  $T_{\rm bn}$ .

The integration of (34b) becomes algebraicly messy, but is otherwide straightforward. Because of the basis function's behavior, the integration area is reduced from  $\Omega$  to  $\partial\Omega$ , the region of non-zero overlap of  $u_i$  and  $u_n$ . This integration over  $\partial\Omega$  may then be written as a sum of integrations over the triangular elements comprising  $\partial\Omega$ , since  $u_n$  is piecewise planar in the elements. Also, note that  $C_{in}$  is independent of Z in

the sense that the integration for any pair (i,n) of nodes, will be the same if that pair is translated along the wire. This means that one wire node may be selected, and the integrals concerning that node and its immediate neighbors will be the only ones required to construct A and B. For example, select i=2. Then  $C_{21}$ ,  $C_{22}$ ,  $C_{2N_w+2}$  and  $C_{2N_w+3}$  are the only integrals that need to be calculated. (Node three is not being neglected. Equation (24b) shows that  $C_{23} = C_{32}$ , but this is just  $C_{21}$  moved up one element. So  $C_{23} = C_{21}$ .)

In this simple narrow mesh case, the integration of (24b) is required over at most three elements (C<sub>22</sub>), and the size and shape of all elements is the same. For many problems this will not be the case. For large meshes, and especially for skewed elements, it becomes very convenient computationally to change from a global to a local node system. Instead of moving from node to node, calculating all the coefficients about each node one at a time, an algorithm is devised to move from element to element, finding the integrals involving the three corner nodes over each element. This procedure effects a considerable simplification in the "bookkeeping" necessary to keep track of the nodal indices and coordinates.

The local node system employed here is shown in Figure 8.

The integrals of the combinations of local nodes (k,1) are found over a upper and lower element. Then the integrals can be placed in their proper global positions. As an example,

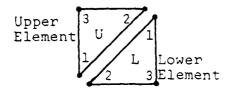


Figure 8. Local Node Indices

consider the upper element with global nodes  $(2,3,N_w^++3)$ . The integrations of (24b) over U are found for local node pairs (1,1),(1,2),(1,3),(3,1),(3,2), and (3,3). Then the local node pair (1,1) integral, f(1,1) is put in A as one part in three of  $C_{22}$ , f(1,2) is one part in two of  $C_{2N_w^++3}$  in B, and  $f(1,3)=C_{23}$  in A. Also,  $f(3,1)=C_{32}$ , f(3,2) is part of  $C_{3N_w^++3}$ , and f(3,3) is part of  $C_{33}$ . The remaining three local node integrals over U are not needed in this case, but would be used in larger meshes.

For the thin mesh used here, the local node procedure improves only slightly the algorithm efficiency as compared to a global node procedure. The principle reason for its use was that an existing and successful subroutine was available to do local node integrations. This routine is named VARELA in the program. It requires only the local node ordering scheme and the coordinate (R,Z) of each local node to produce

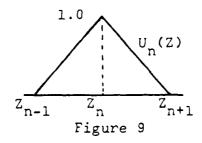
a three by three matrix containing the integrations. As discussed above, the wire-scattering problem needs only two calls to VARELA to obtain the necessary values. The sub-routine ABLOAD then fills A and B with these integrals.

The calculation of the coefficients  $T_{\rm bm}$  is done by the familiar Gaussian quadrature method, using eight unequally spaced points. The interval of integration in (38b) is split into two segments, as in Figure 9. Then a change of variable is affected so that the limits of integration in each subinterval are X=+1 to -1. The Gaussian procedure then gives

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} [f(x_{i}) + f(-x_{i})]$$
 (46)

where the values  $\pm x_i$  and the weight factors  $w_i$  are tabulated in several references such as [6]. The code used to implement these integrations is contained in subroutine GFINT.

Equation (42) is coded in two subroutines, CFORM and ZCURR. Routine CFORM produces the matrix product  $(A+BT)^{-1}B=C$ , while ZCURR calculates the incident field vector  $\underline{h}_{inc}$  according to (44) and (45), then finds the wire field vector  $\underline{h}_{w}=C$   $\underline{h}_{inc}$ .



## IV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

In many other time-harmonic field problems, FEM calculations yield good results with perhaps 20 to 30 nodes per wavelength. With higher node densities, say 50-75 perwavelength, the solution breaks down due to roundoff error in the computations. As will be shown, this does not appear to be the case with the field feedback formulation. Nodal densities as high as 100 per wavelength have been used without difficulty. Indeed, these high densities are required in order to achieve good convergence of the formulation. As yet, no satisfactory answer for this behavior has been found.

The only other parameter available to affect the convergence of the solution is  $B_L$ , the wire-to-boundary distance. As mentioned in section III.B.2., this parameter can be expected to be critical in achieving a good field approximation. Computed results show this to be true.

A great deal of effort was expended in looking for errors in the formulation before the solution behavior with respect to  $B_L$  and  $N_W$  was fully appreciated. It is still possible, no matter how unlikely, that some error still exists. If an error is present in the formulation, or code, it's effect is quite peculiar. By comparison with other FEM problems, the possible error causes two to three times the "normal" node

density to be needed, but otherwise seems to have no effect. That is, the results are satisfactory in all respects save node density required for convergence.

The primary comparison case chosen was a one-half wavelength wire with a radius of 1/50 wavelength. This case was a compromise forced by excessive required computing for longer wires and questionable integral equation comparison results with shorter wires. These other cases were looked at, and some example results are included here. Their investigation, however, has not been exhaustively completed due to lack of time.

## A. INTEGRAL EQUATION COMPARISON

The basis used for judging the convergence of the FFM computation was a standard and successful type of integral equation formulation, Hallen's equation for scattering by a thin conductive cylinder. This method assumes a  $\hat{\mathbb{I}}$  directed current density, and finds this wire current by a simultaneous solution of two expressions for the vector potential,  $\overline{\mathbb{A}}$ . One equation is just equation (33). The second is a different form of equation (20)

$$\nabla^2 \overline{A} + k^2 \overline{A} = jw\varepsilon \overline{E}^S(\overline{r})$$
 (47)

where  $\overline{E}^{S}(\overline{r})$  is the scattered electric field. Simple manipulations yield the integral equation for I(z'), [7]

$$\int_{0}^{L} I(Z')G(Z,Z')dZ' - j \int_{Q}^{Z} I(Z') \frac{Z(Z')}{Z_{Q}} sink (Z-Z')dZ'$$

+ 
$$CsinkZ+D cos kZ - U(Z)$$
 (48)

where A is an impedance per unit length, C and D are constarts of integration, and U contains the incident field. Equation (48) is coded in subroutine INTEQ.

Results for the  $1/2 \times 1/50$  wavelength case are shown on pages A-1 through A-38 of Appendix A.  $F^3$  calculations are shown as a solid line, while integral equation computations are displayed as the "X" curve. The parameters of each case are given below the graph. The magnitude plots are scaled in milliamperes along x, and wavelengths along y. The wire is to be seen lying along the y axis, and is conveniently demarcated by the zero end values of the integral equation curve. The current phase plots have the same y axis units, and are scaled in degrees along x.

Graphs A-1 through A-24 show  $F^3$  convergence with an increasing number of nodes. Values of  $N_{\rm w}$  are 20,40,70 and 100, with three plane wave incidence angles (ALPHA) used in each case. In these plots, the plane wave is incident from the upper right for ALPHA=30 and 60 degrees. ALPHA=90° is broadside incidence. Convergence of the current magnitude

is plainly seen at all incidence angles. For  $\alpha=90^{\circ}$ , the error is 15.5% at the wire center for  $N_{W}=20$ , but only 2.5% for  $N_{W}=70$ . Similarly, the phase error decreases from  $18^{\circ}$  to  $1^{\circ}$ . Comparing the  $N_{W}=70$  and  $N_{W}=100$  cases, it is seen that the extra nodes make very little difference in the quality of the solution. Convergence has been essentially accomplished at  $N_{W}=70$ , and the additional memory and computing time for  $N_{W}=100$  are not really necessary. The convergence is less satisfying for incidence angles other than  $90^{\circ}$ . At ALPHA= $30^{\circ}$ , for example, the magnitude is not skewed quite enough, while the phase error increases toward the wire bottom. This situation does not improve as  $N_{W}$  increases.

Graphs A-25 through A-38 show FFM convergence as a function of  $B_L$ . All  $F^3$  calculations are made with  $N_w$ =28. The behavior shown in these plots is characteristic of all cases of wire length and radius. For  $B_L$  much too large, the magnitude is too low and the phase is off by as much as  $90^{\circ}$ . As  $B_L$  decreases, the magnitude rises, overshoots, and then settles back towards the correct, convergent value. The phase moves smoothly down to the correct value. Notice that the  $F^3$  curves are nearly identical for DR=DZ/32 and DR=DZ/64. This implies that convergence has been reached by the time DR has decreased to DZ/32, or  $B_L$ =.0005 $\lambda_{\odot}$ . For this case the convergence point of  $B_L$  is actually about  $B_L$ =.001 $\lambda_{\odot}$ , as shown in A-1 through A-25. Results for several other cases of wire length and radius are shown in Appendix B. The one and two wavelength wire

calculations show that more nodes are required, assuming that  $\rm B_L$ =.001 $\rm \lambda_0$  is still adequate since  $\rm A_L$  has not changed. If 70 nodes are required for a good answer at  $\rm Z_L$ = $\rm \lambda_0/2$ , then for two wavelengths as many as 300 nodes might be necessary. Similarly, well over 100 nodes could be needed for the one wavelength wire. The one wavelength case indicates that this is probably true. The F³ solution for N $_{\rm W}$ =100 is perceptibly better than the N $_{\rm W}$ =70 solution, especially for off-axis incidence angles.

Appendix C contains graphs for two different cases:  $A_L = 1/100 \lambda_o \text{ while } Z_L = \lambda_o/2 \text{ or } Z_L = \lambda_o/4. \text{ Graphs C-1 through C-4}$  again show convergence value is no longer  $B_L = .001 \lambda_o$ , but is smaller than  $B_L = .0005 \lambda_o$ .

Plots C-7 through C-10 show the quarter-wavelength wire case. It appears from the FFM curves that convergence has been almost reached for  $N_w$ =40. This calls into question the accuracy of the integral equation solution. This possible inaccuracy should not be too surprising, however, since the wire is relatively thick for it's length, and the integral equation does much better for very thin wires.

An "error isolation" check was made on the  $F^3$  system by testing the feedback path. A fictitious sinusoidal wire current was generated and its radiated field calculated via  $\underline{h}_s = \underline{T} \ \underline{h}_w$ . This field was compared to that given in reference [8]. The comparison is shown in plots C-11 and C-12. The two field calculations are equal, to the fourth significant digit. This indicates that the feedback path formulation and program coding is correct.

## B. ERROR ANALYSIS

Consideration of the near field behavior reveals the reason for the critical dependence of the solution on  $B_{\underline{I}}$ . The magnetic field magnitude in the very near field is dominated by a  $1/R^2$  term, as can be deduced from equation (37). This is depicted in Figure 10. Also shown are two dashed lines which are the linear basis function expansion of the field. It is clear from the figure that the approximation of the field deteriorates as  $A_{L}$  decreases, if  $B_{L}$  is held constant. Thus it is seen why  $B_L = .001\lambda_O$  is adequate for  $A_L = .02\lambda_O$  while  $B_L \simeq .0005 \lambda_O$  to obtain the best convergence with  $A_L = .01 \lambda_O$ . It is noted, however, that even at this best convergence value of  $\boldsymbol{B}_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$  , the  $\boldsymbol{F}^3$  solution is not as close to the integral equation solution as in the  $A_L = .02\lambda_O$ ,  $B_L = .001\lambda_O$  case. This fact can also be explained by consideration of the basis function approximation's behavior. While decreasing  $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{B}}_{L}$  improves the field approximation very near the wire, the approximation becomes worse in the neighborhood of R=B,.

It thus appears that there is a limit to the usefulness of this formulation of the  $F^3$  solution to the wire-scattering problem. The primary difficulty lies in the inaccuracy of the linear basis function expansion used in the FEM calculation. A much better basis function may contain a term proportional to  $1/R^2$ . This would greatly reduce the sensitivity of the solution to  $B_{\rm L}$ .

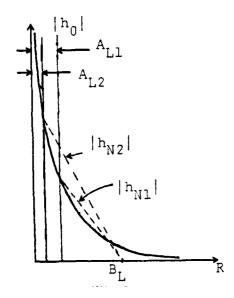


Figure 10

There is another source of error which is inherent in any sort of computer solution: roundoff. Simple calculations will be affected in the sixth or seventh significant digit by the use of single-precision arithmetic on the IBM-360. If only a few operations were required, this error could be ignored. But when solving large systems of equations many thousands of operations are required, and accuracy can be severely degraded.

A rough guide to the degree of trust to be placed in a solution can be had in the condition number of an inverted matrix. This number provides an upper bound on error propagation in a system due to the inaccuracy of finite-precision

arithmetic. For example, in the system  $\underline{X} = \underline{A}^{-1}\underline{Y}$ , a condition number of 1000 for  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  would cause errors in the third significant digit of  $\underline{Y}$  to appear as errors in the third, second or even first significant digit of X.

This condition number is a measure of the similarity of the system equations. In the wire-scatterer case, as the solution points are placed closer together, the field values at these nodes become more indistinguishable. Hence the equations relating the field values at neighboring nodes become more nearly the same. The system solution, then, becomes sensitive to errors in the less significant digits.

Condition numbers of system matrices for the cases discussed here range from about 250 to 1000. Cases with fewer nodes and larger values of  $B_L$  have lower condition numbers, while as  $N_w$  increases and/or  $B_L$  decreases, the condition number increases rapidly. This is another reason why a good solution is more difficult to achieve for very thin or long wires. The use of a basis function more suited to the field behavior would allow larger values of  $B_L$  to be employed. This would lower the system condition number significantly, and improve the solution's accuracy and trustworthiness. Other than this and keeping  $N_w$  as small as possible, there is nothing that can be done to avoid the problems reflected in the condition number.

Even if the errors mentioned above could be eliminated, the results of both the  $\mbox{\bf F}^3$  and integral equation calculations

would still not represent the fields with complete accuracy. The assumptions made in both formulations are not strictly true for any wire of finite thickness. Current flows on the surface of the wire, not in the center, as assumed in the vector potential formulation.

Field phase variation from side to side of the wire is not zero, so there is an azimuthal component of current as well as the  $\hat{Z}$ -directed current assumed. And because this  $\hat{\varphi}$ -directed current exists, the current is not zero at the wire ends. But, since essentially the same types of approximations are made for both solution methods, it is not possible to ascertain, from the comparisons made here, the degree to which either solution represents the actual fields.

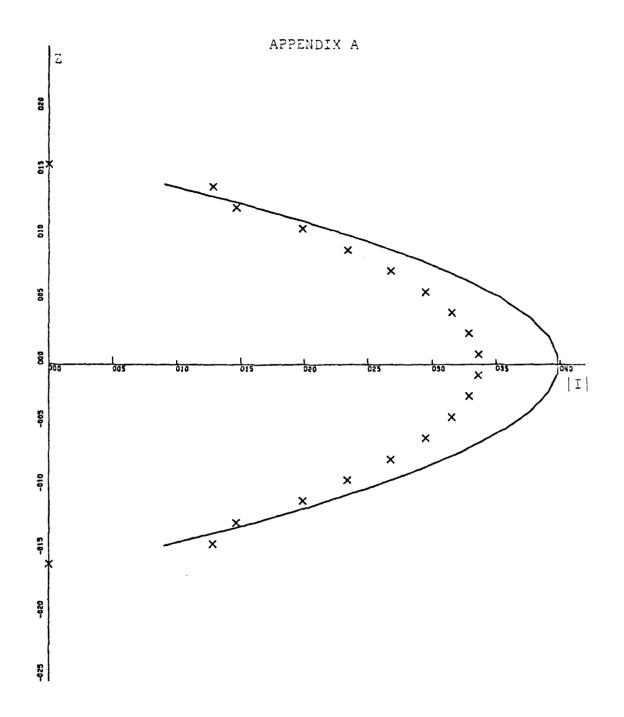
## V. CONCLUSIONS

As a result of this investigation, the field-feedback formulation has been shown to be a sound technique for the computation of electromagnetic scattering problems. It has been demonstrated that F<sup>3</sup> calculations compare very favorably with results obtained by the conventional integral equation formulation. The success of this initial development is not unqualified, however. The two deficiencies previously discussed, basis function unsuitability and excessive number of required nodes, could present formidable difficulties in problems where a priori knowledge of field behavior is not available, or where bodies large compared to a wavelength are used.

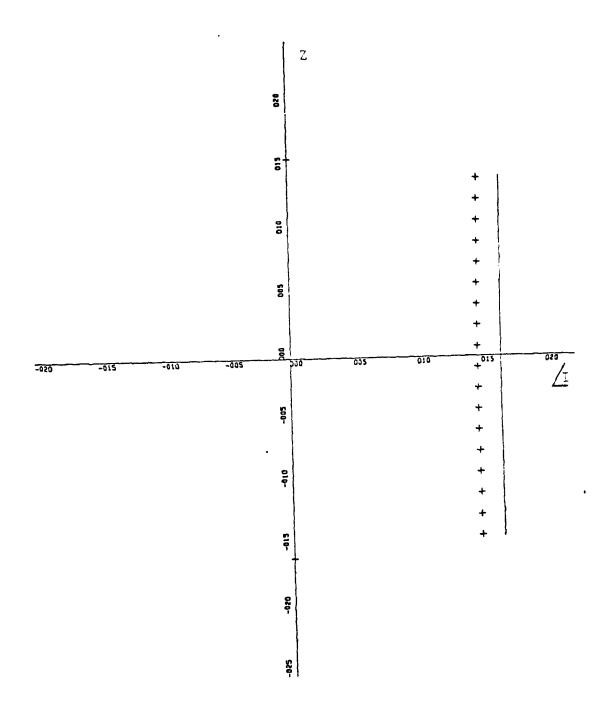
The discrepancy between required and expected node density is particularly troublesome, as this fact is as yet unexplained. If high node densities are actually required by the method and are not just the result of some formulational error, then the attendant large matrices will limit the usefulness of F<sup>3</sup> computations because of the great amount of computer memory required.

In any case, the flexibility of the finite-element method when used in the coupled-azimuthal potential formulation should allow numerous heretofore difficult problems to be attacked. The ease with which mixed boundary conditions can

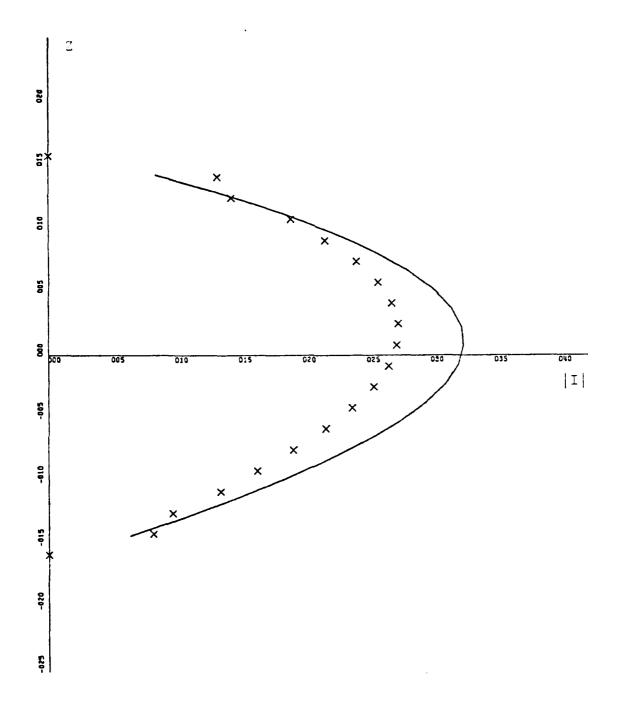
be met for complicated inhomogeneous scattering bodies, and the accuracy and simplicity of the vector potential formulation promise a wide applicability for the field feedback formulation.



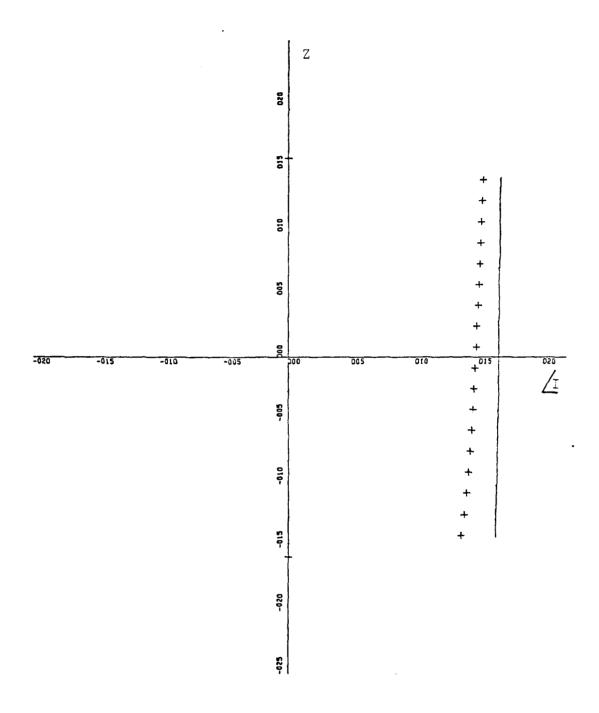
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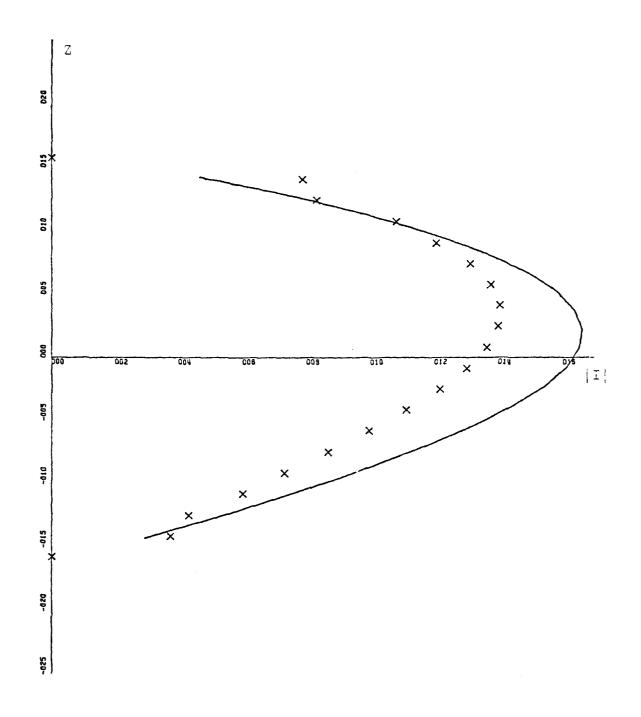
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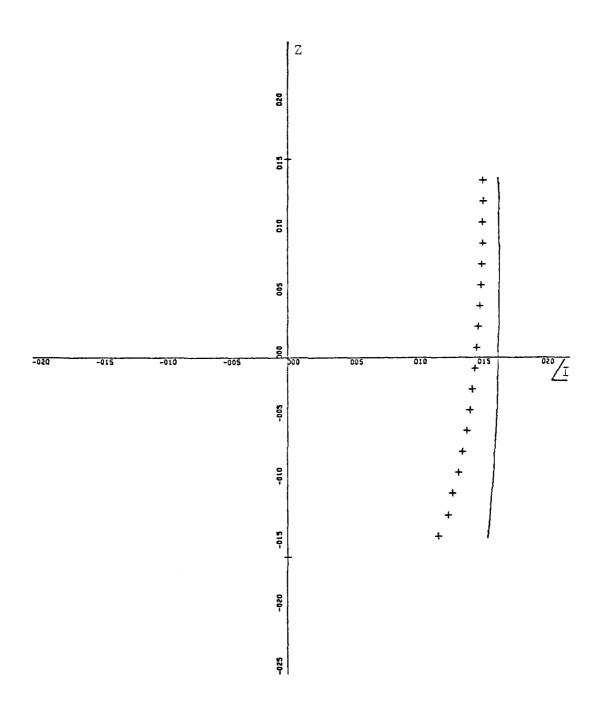
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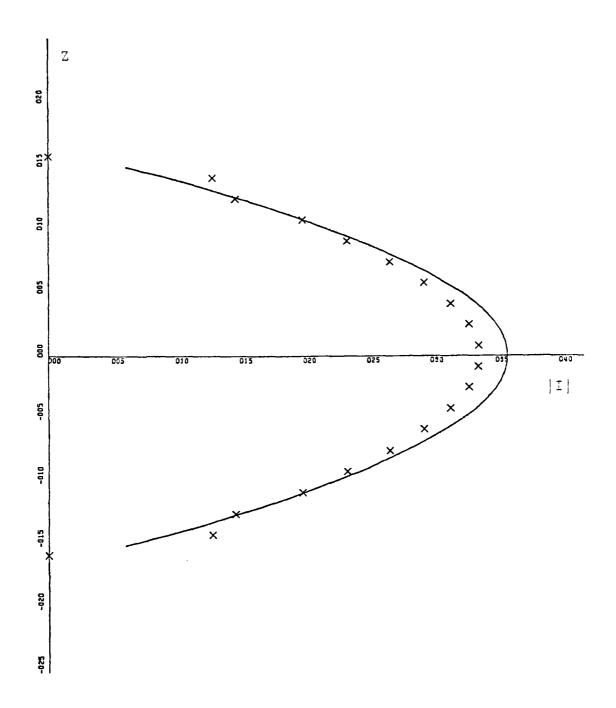
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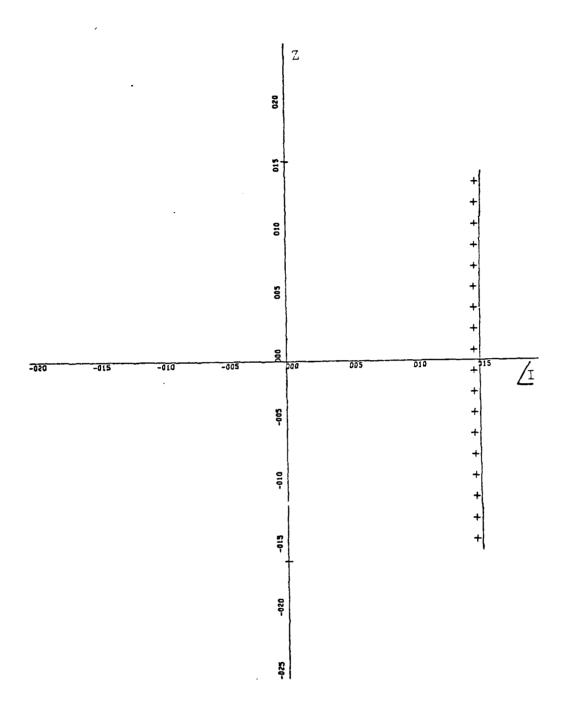
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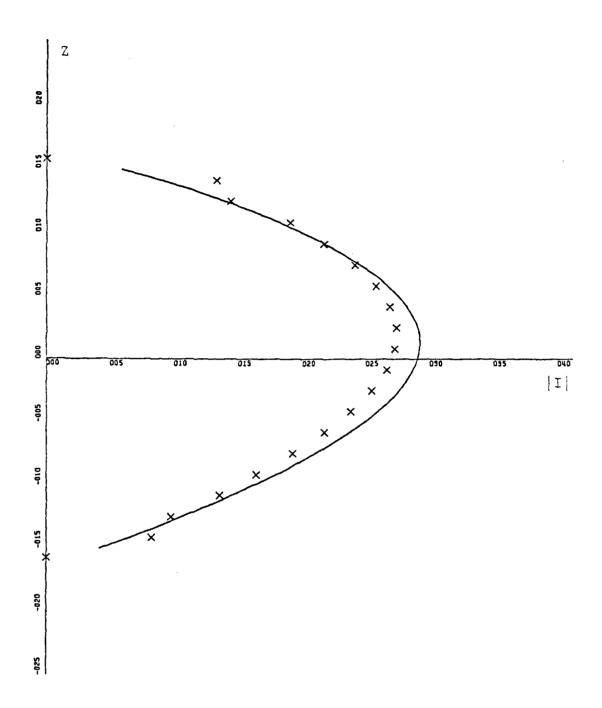
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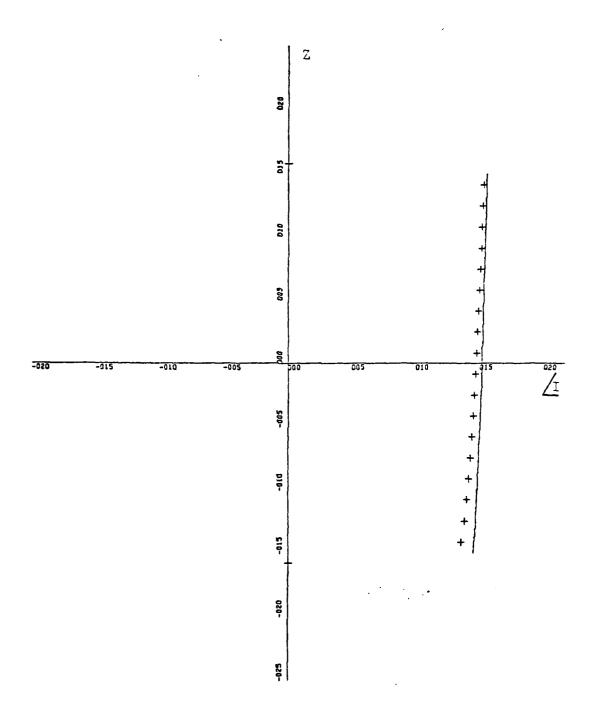
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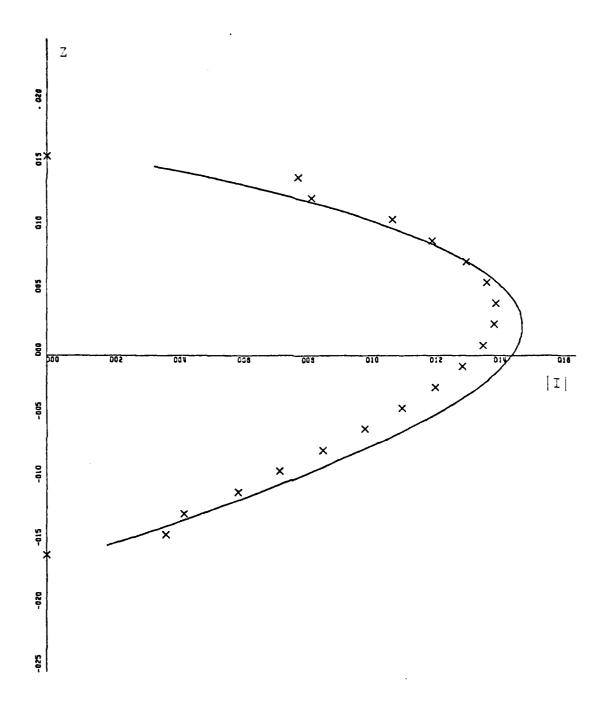
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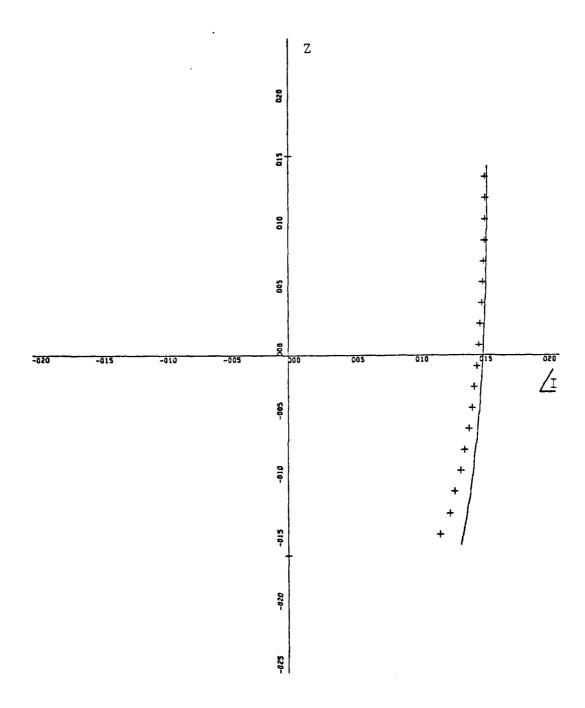
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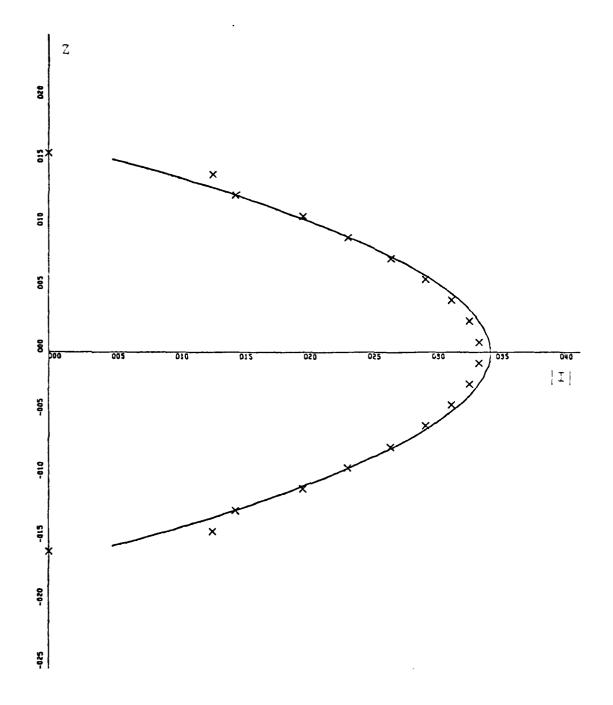
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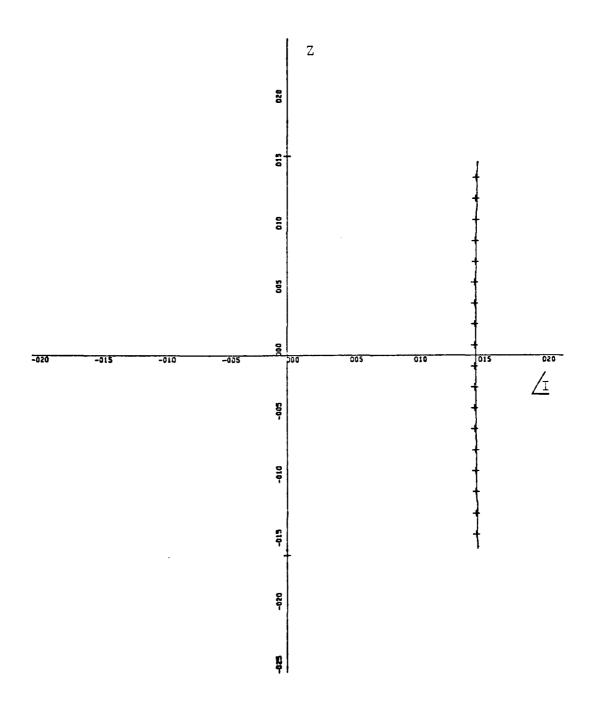
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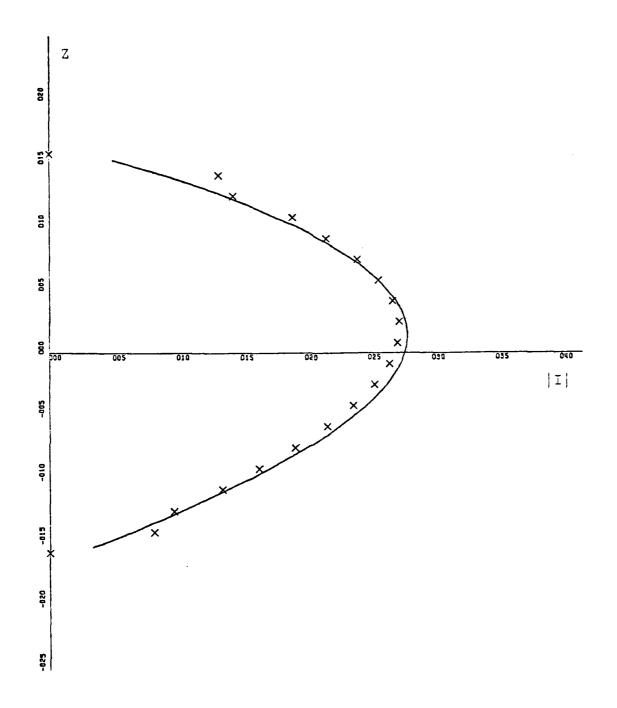
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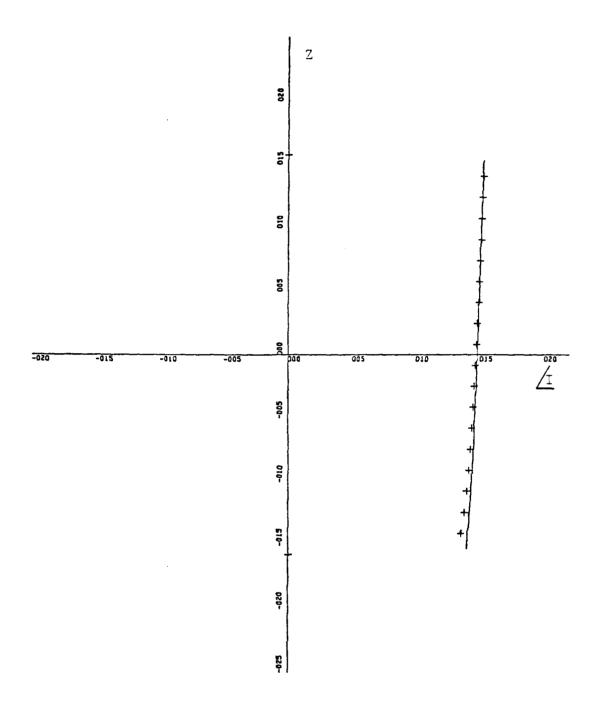
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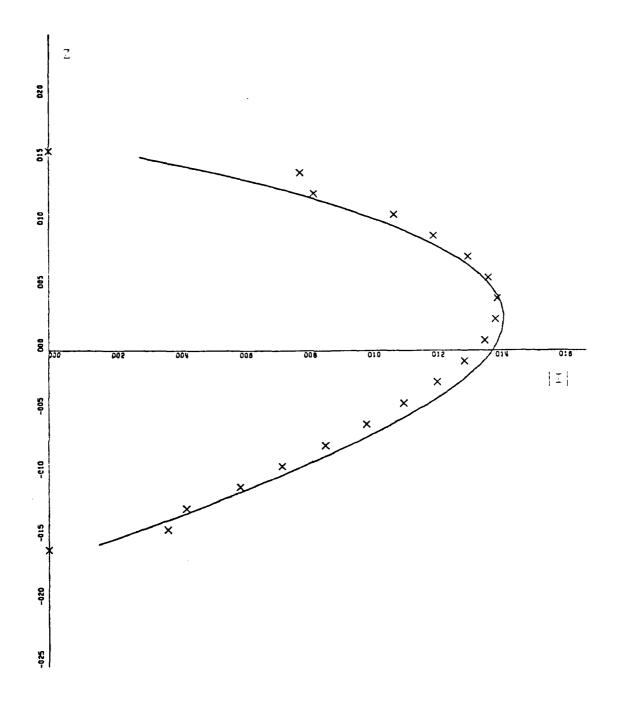
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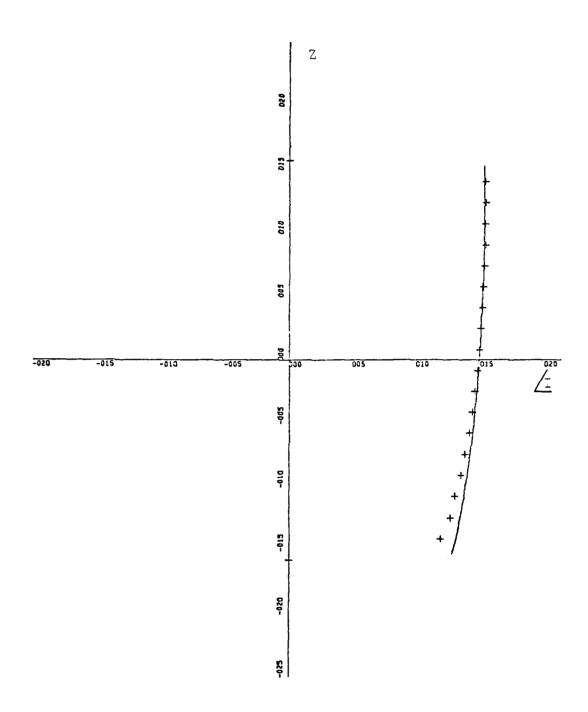
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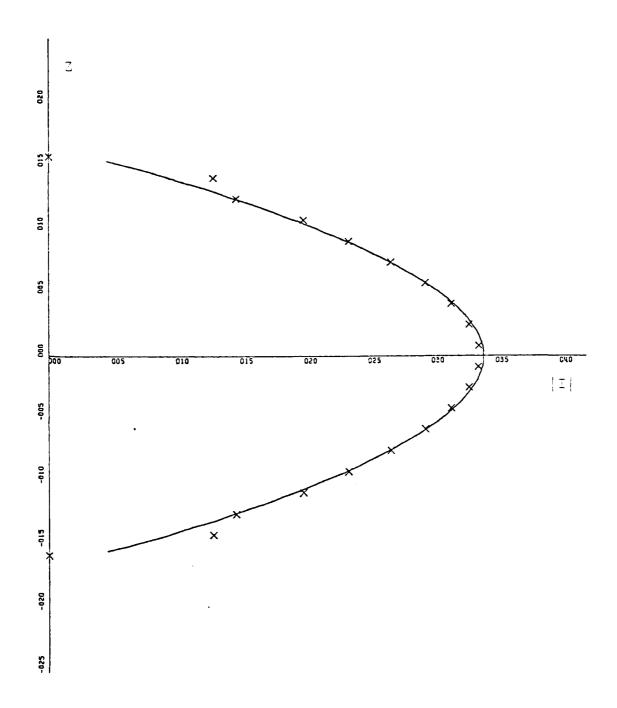
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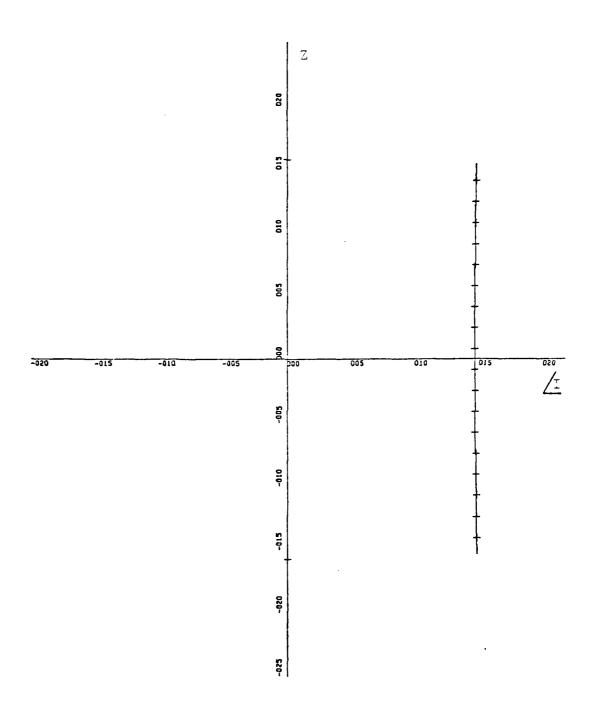
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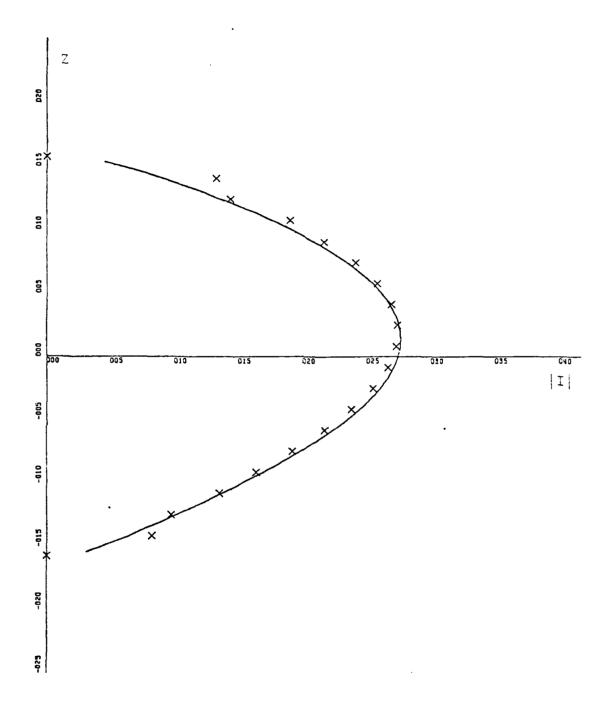
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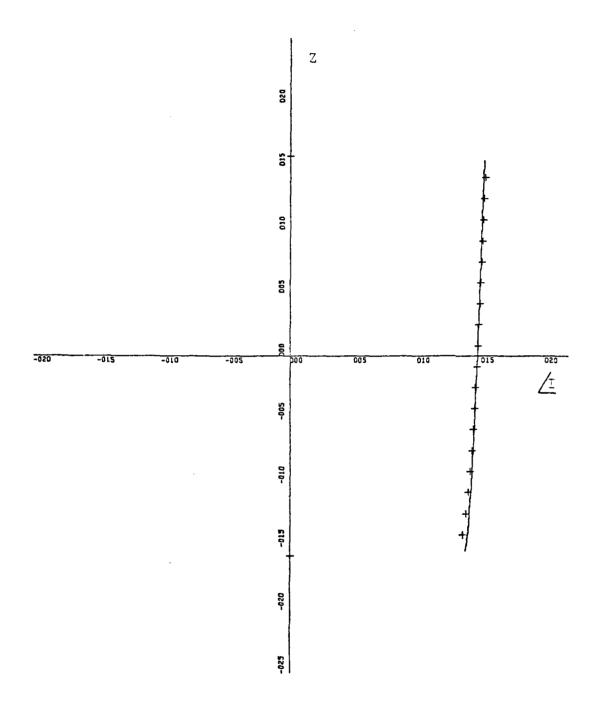
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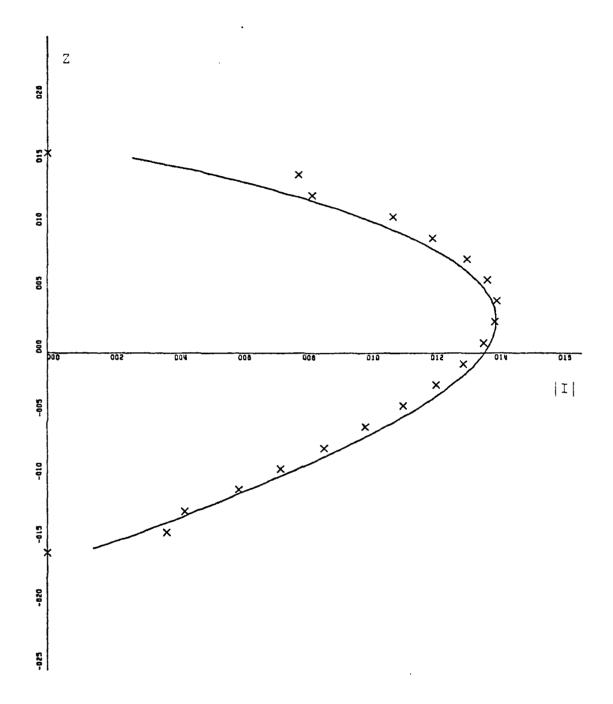
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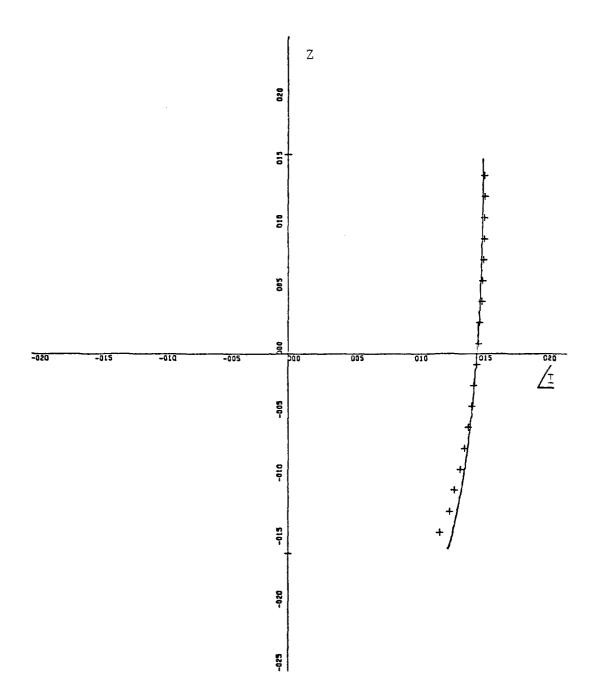
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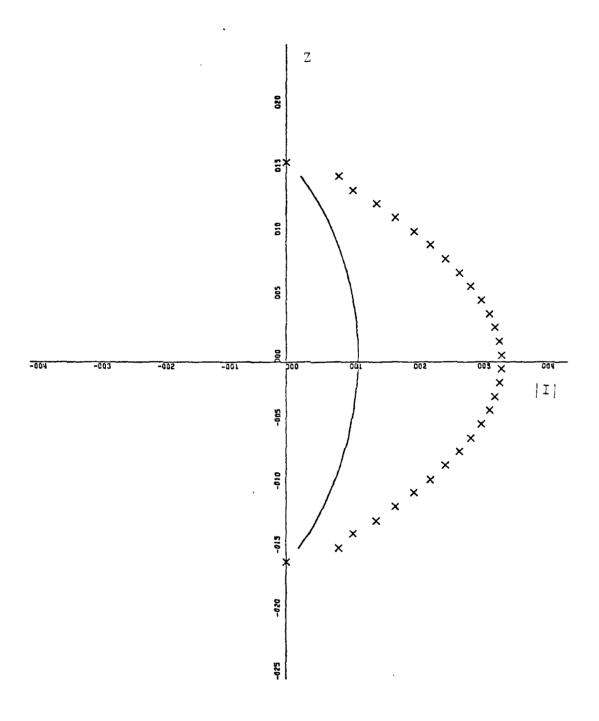
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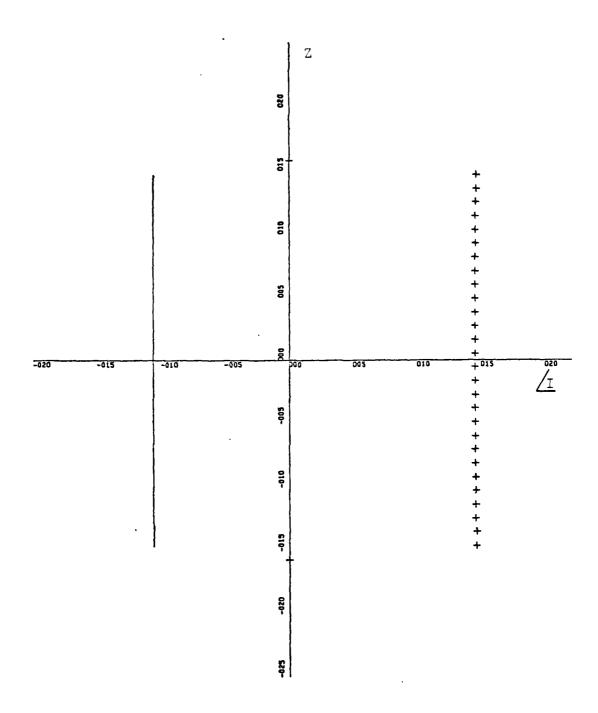
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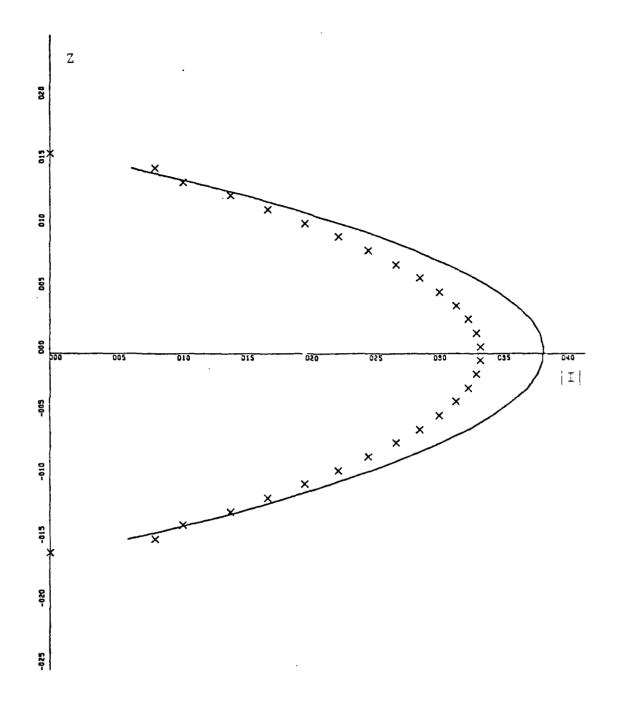
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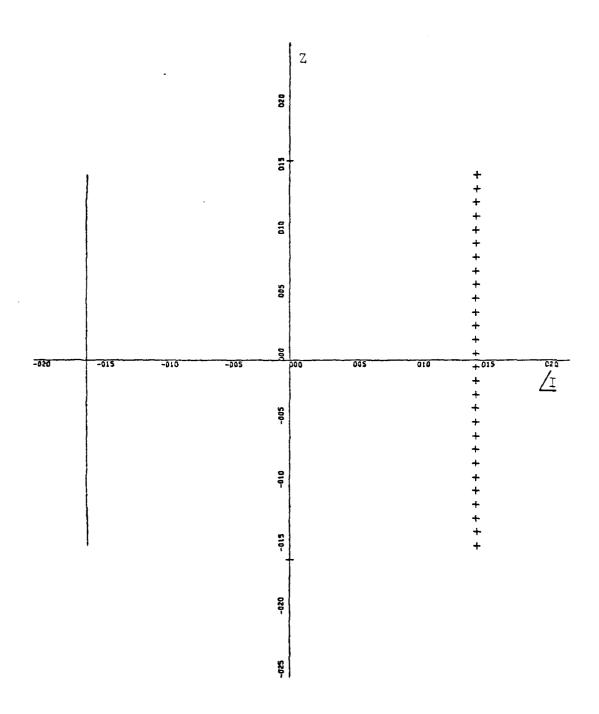
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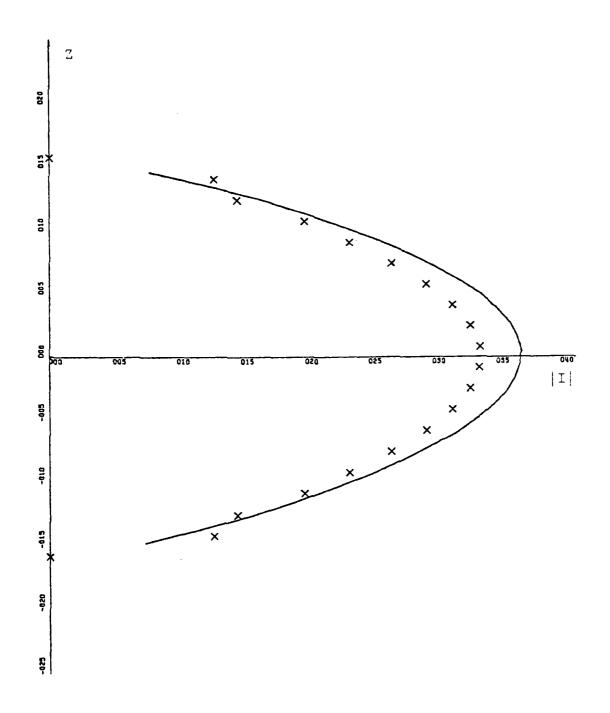
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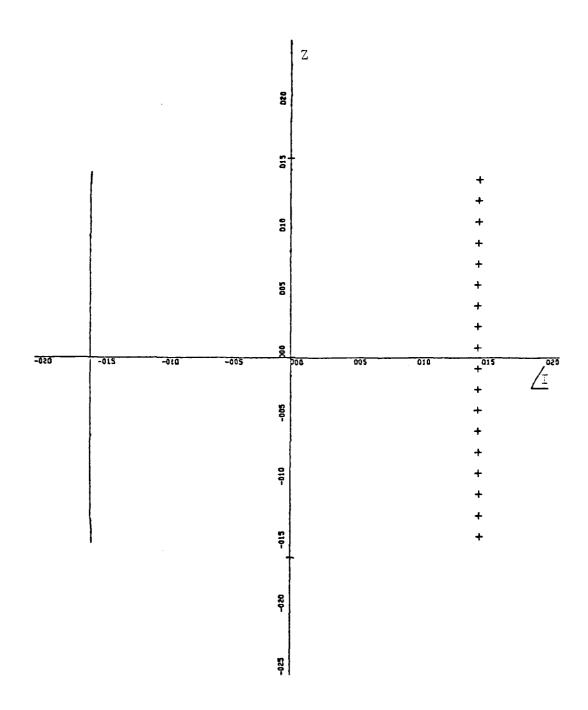
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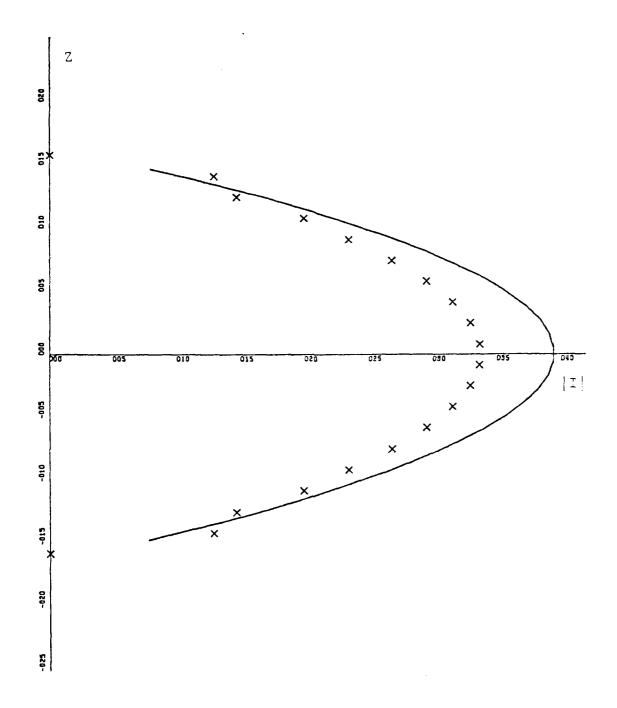
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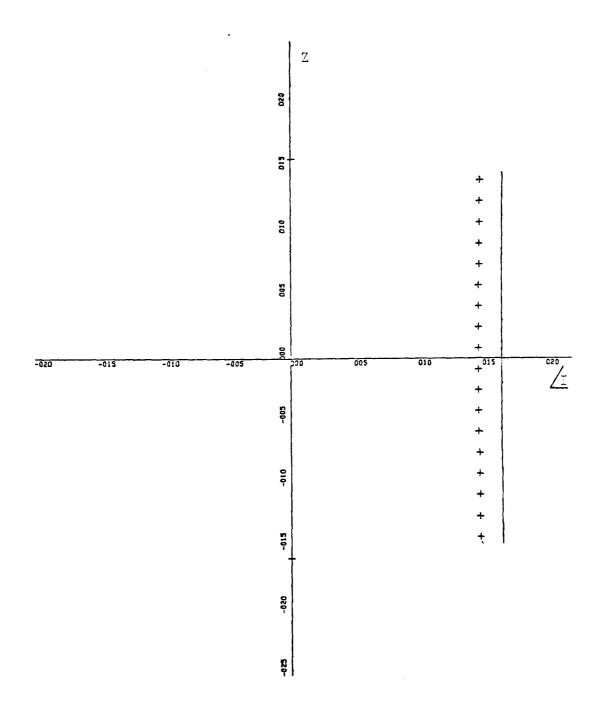
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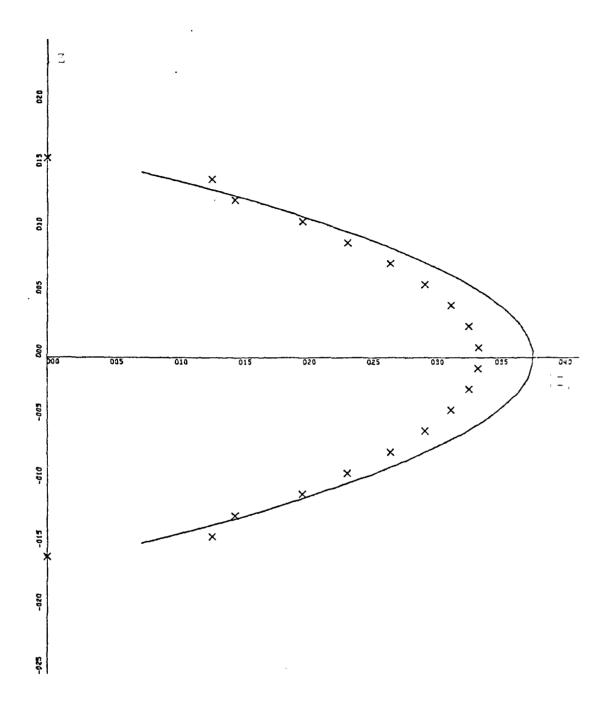
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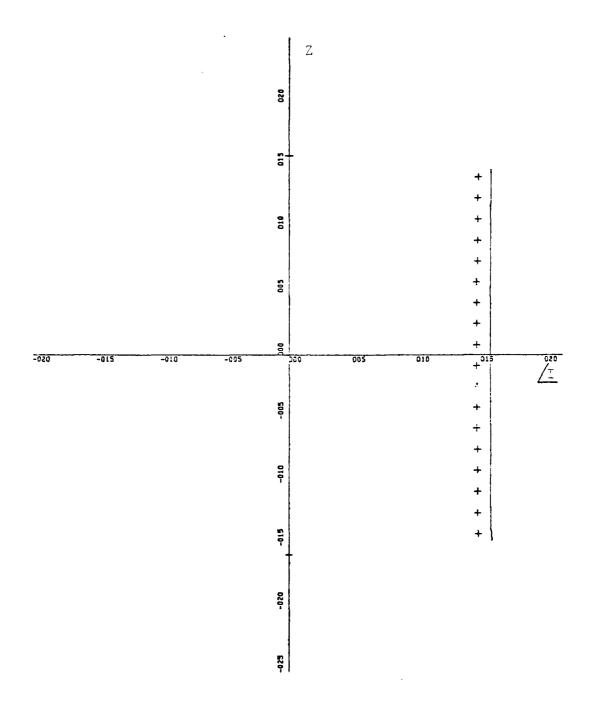
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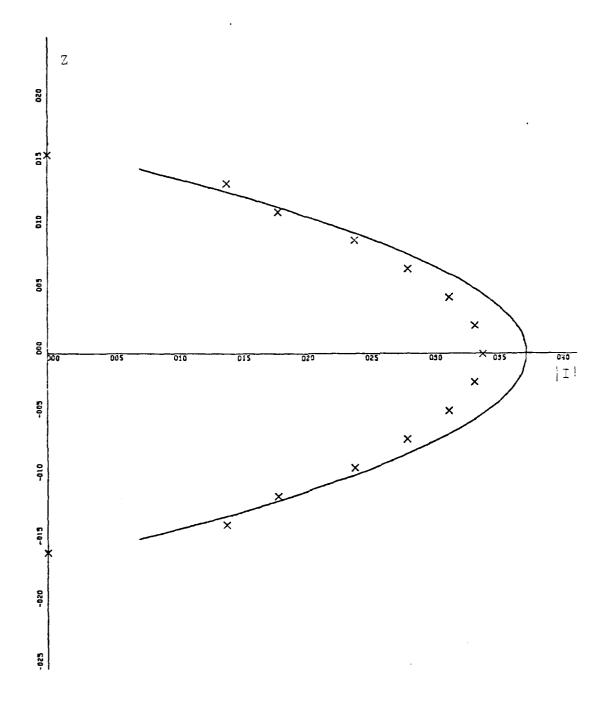
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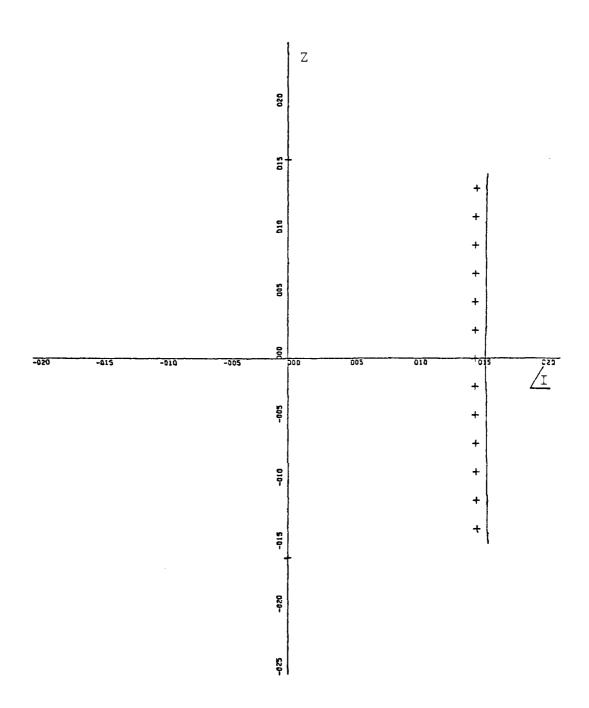
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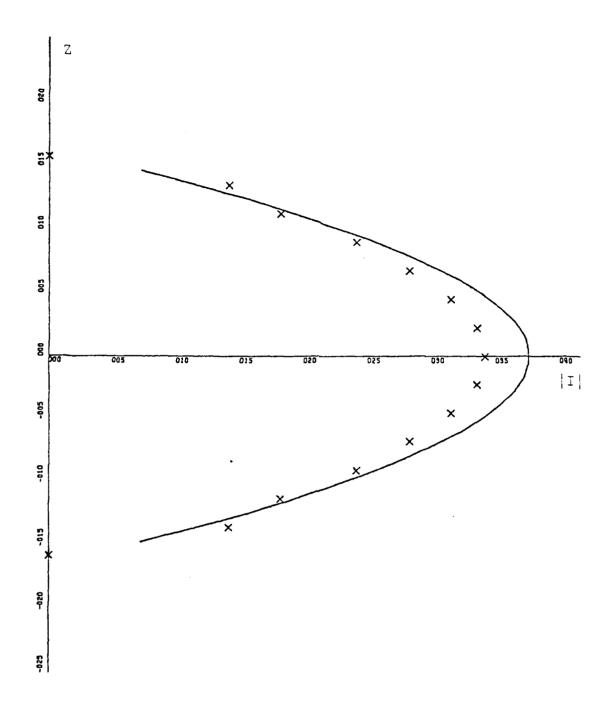
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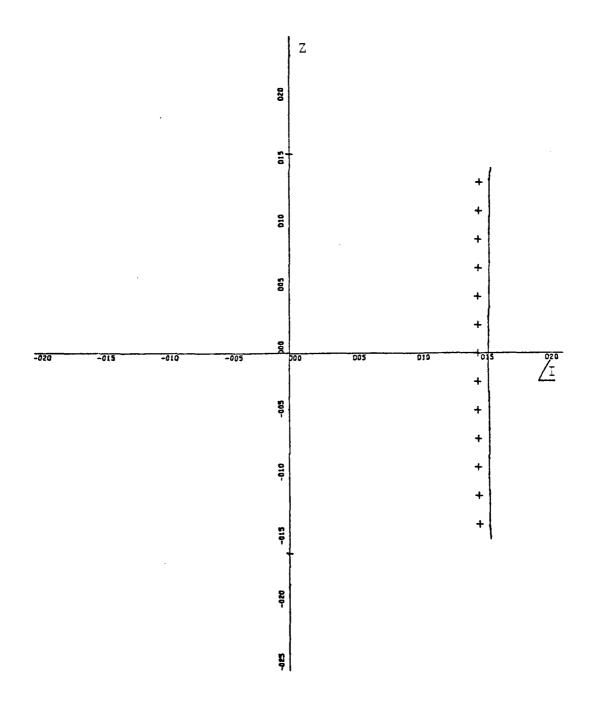
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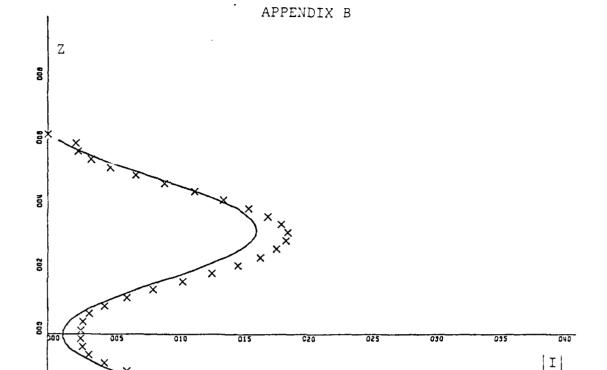
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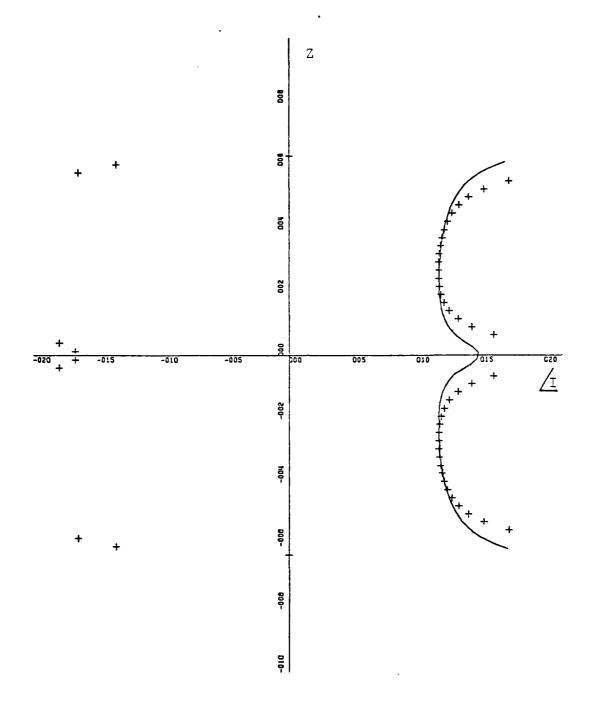
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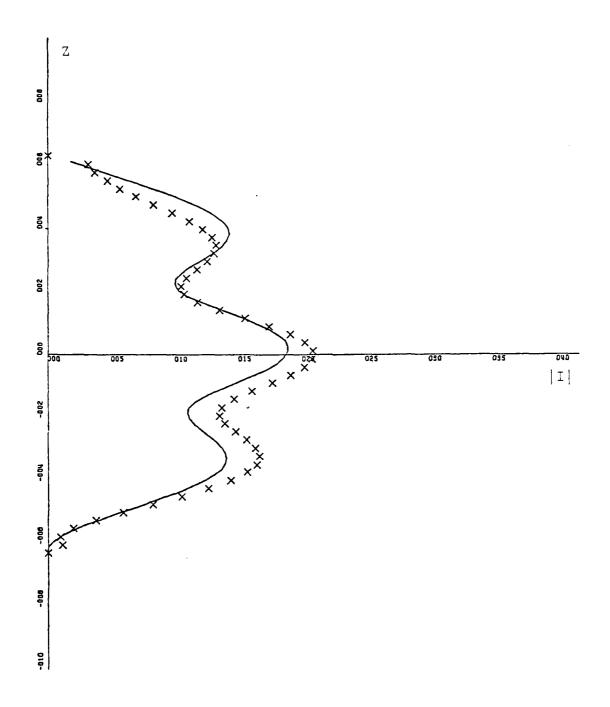
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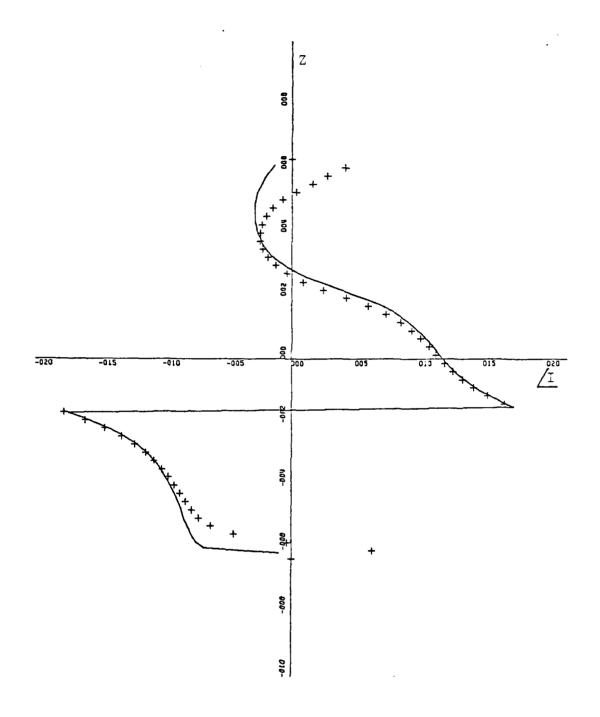
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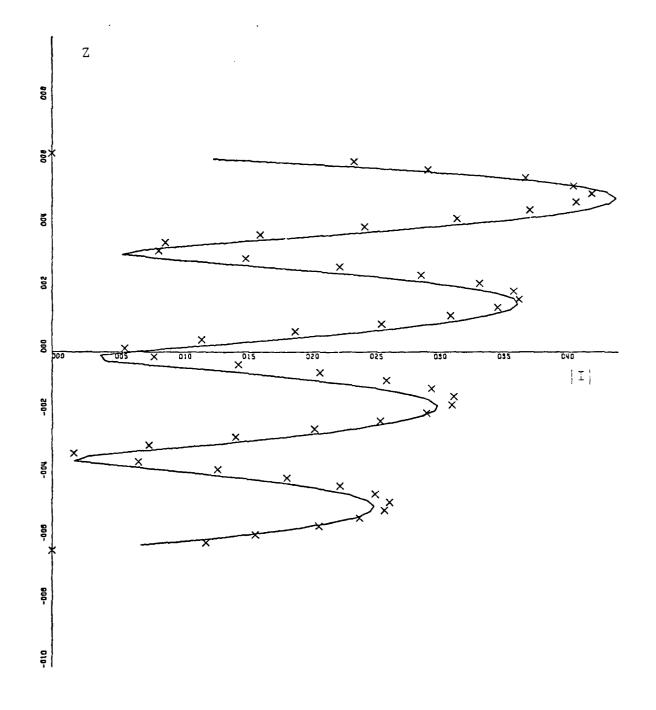
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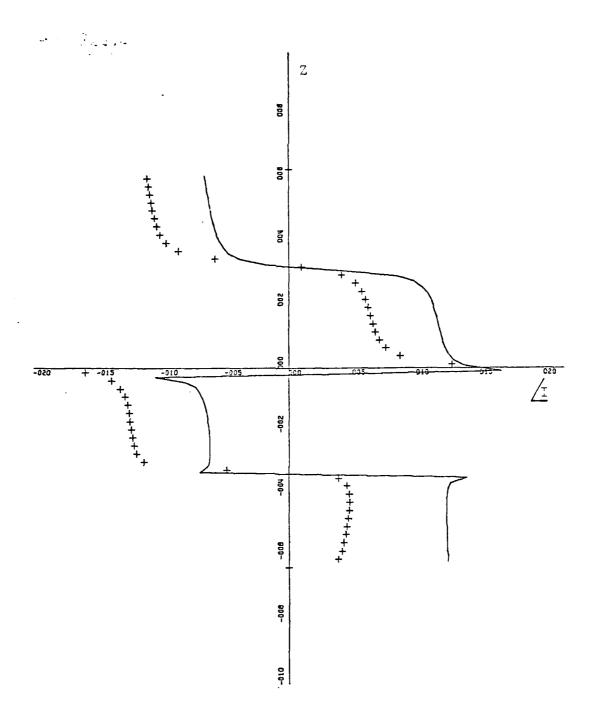
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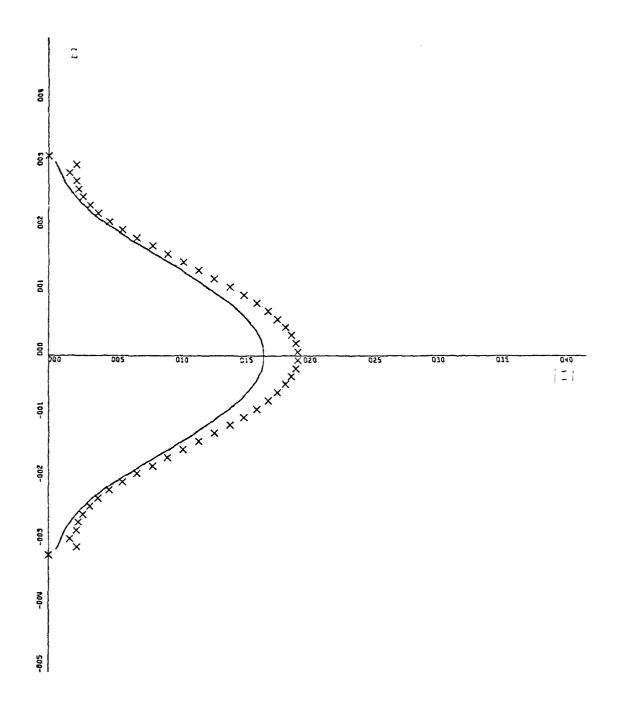
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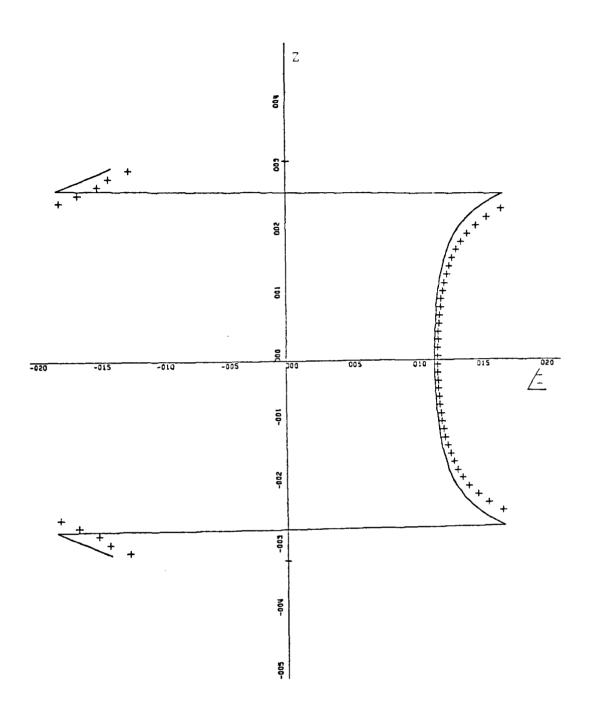
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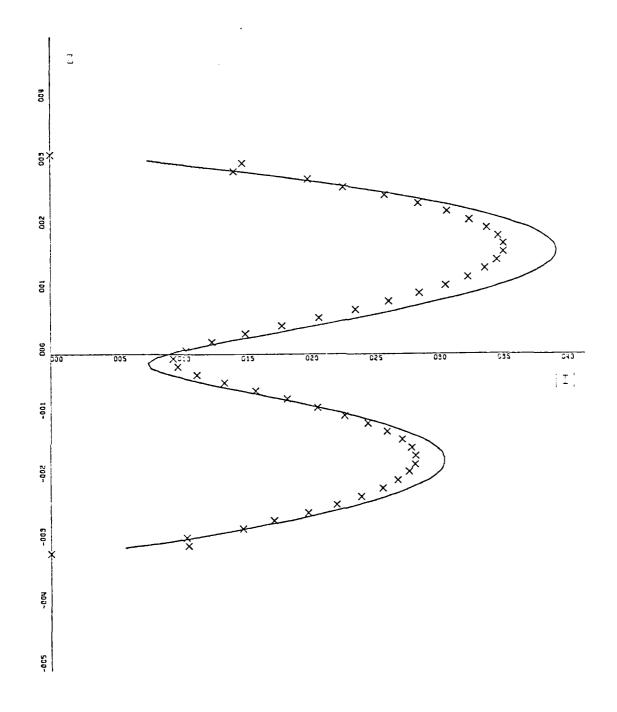
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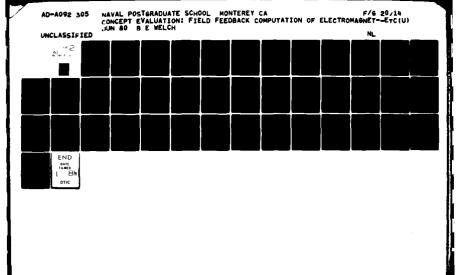
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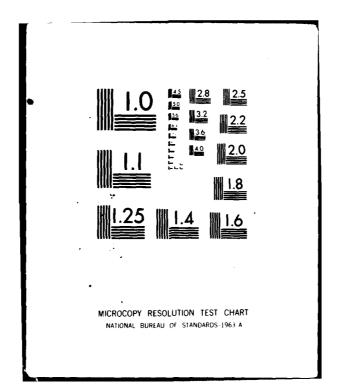


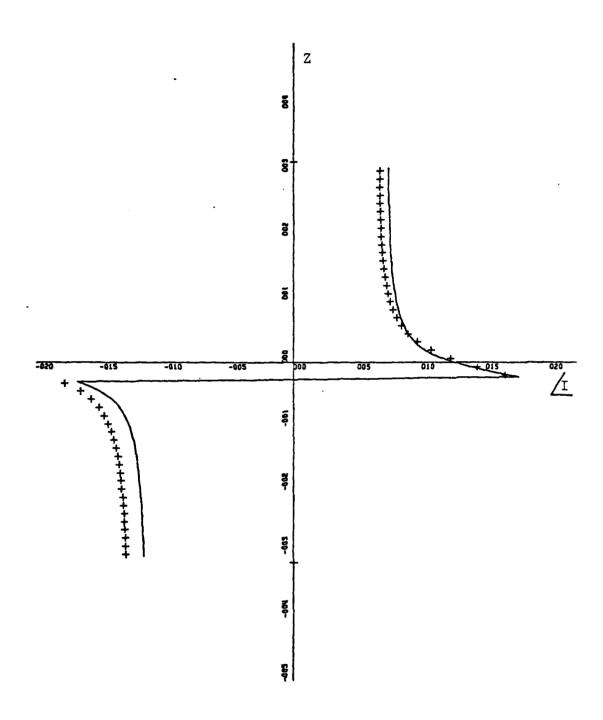
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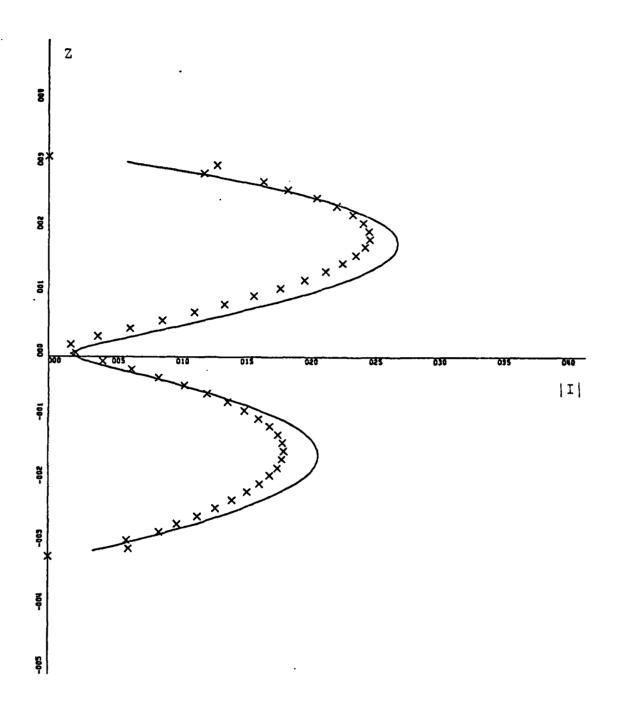
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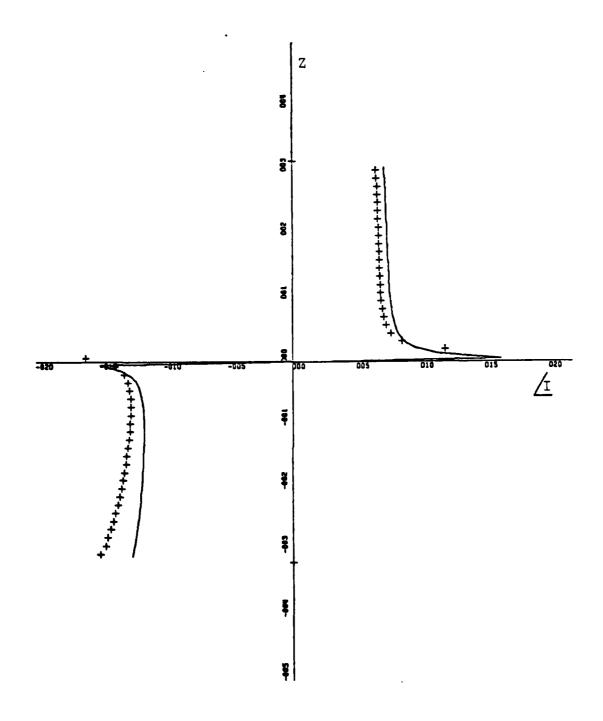




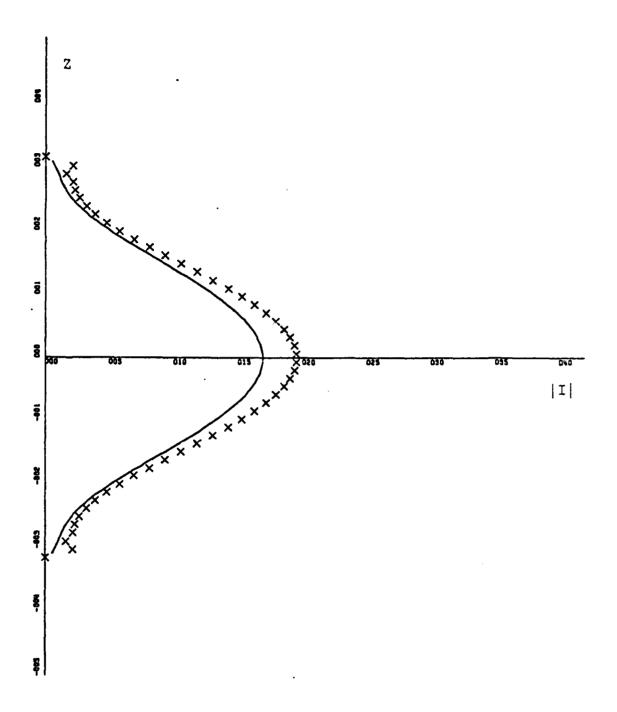
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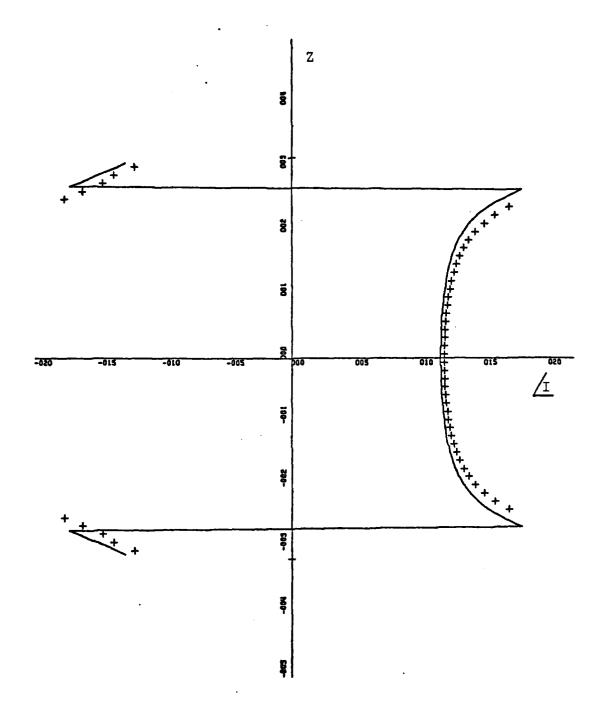
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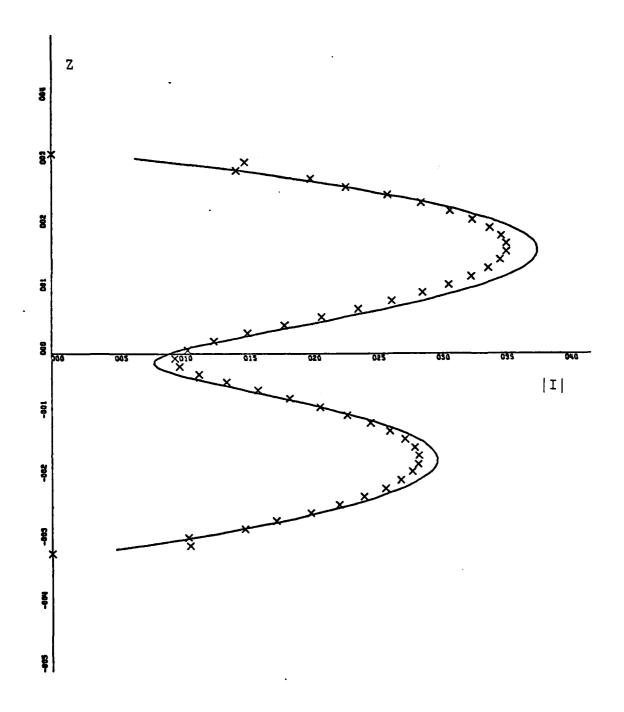
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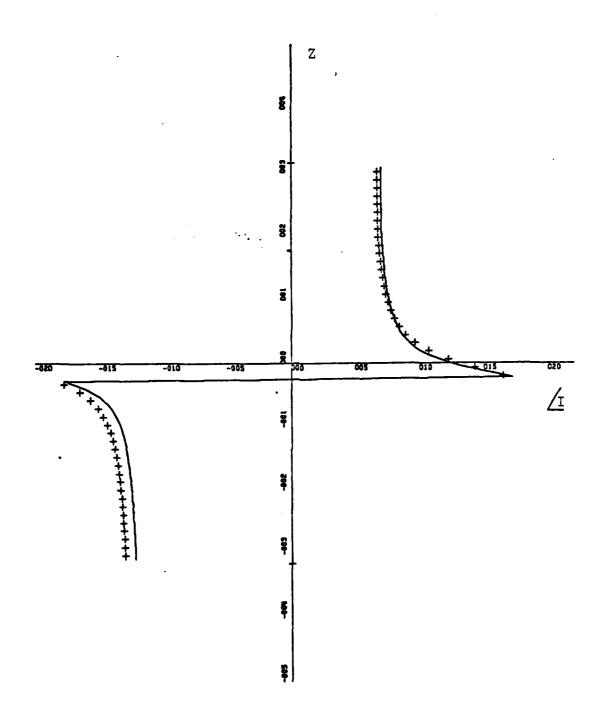
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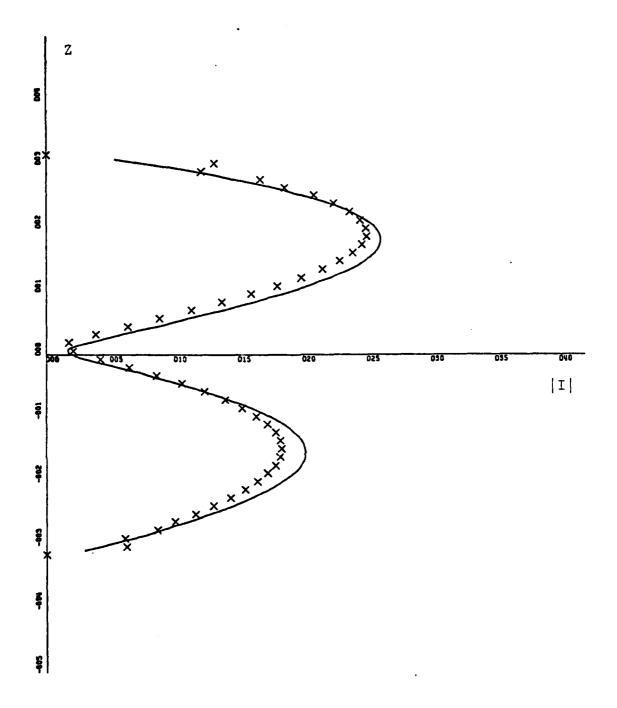
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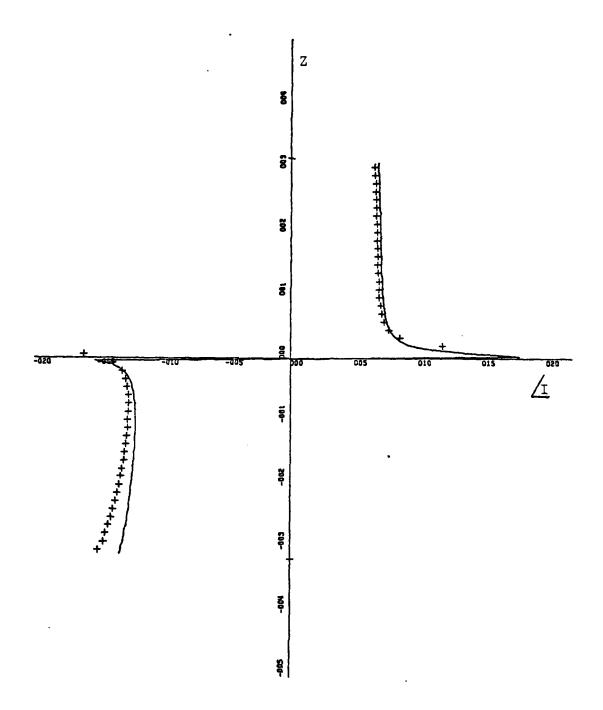
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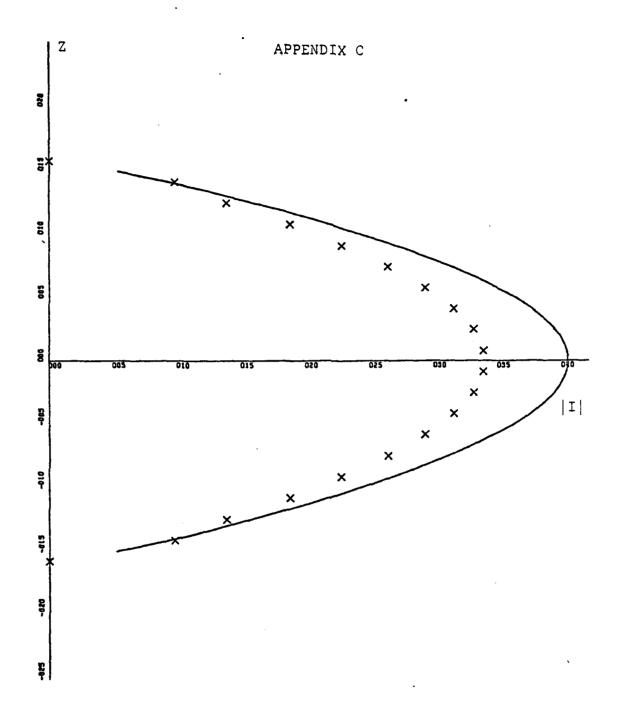
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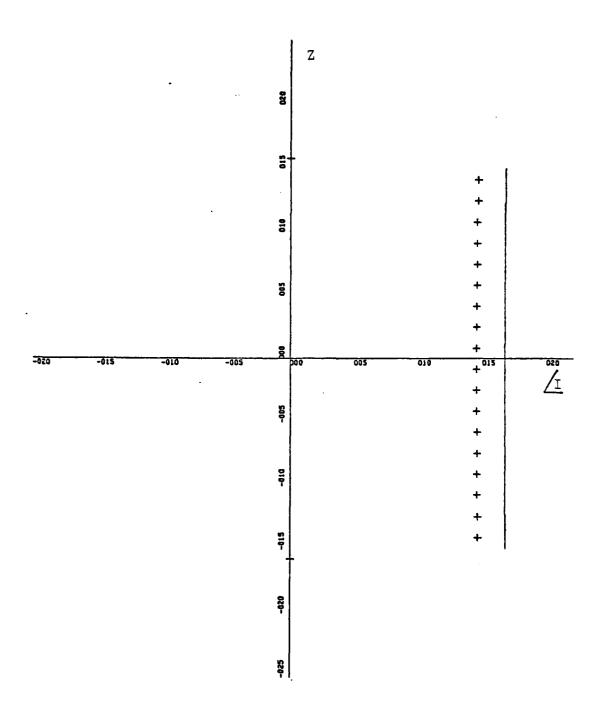
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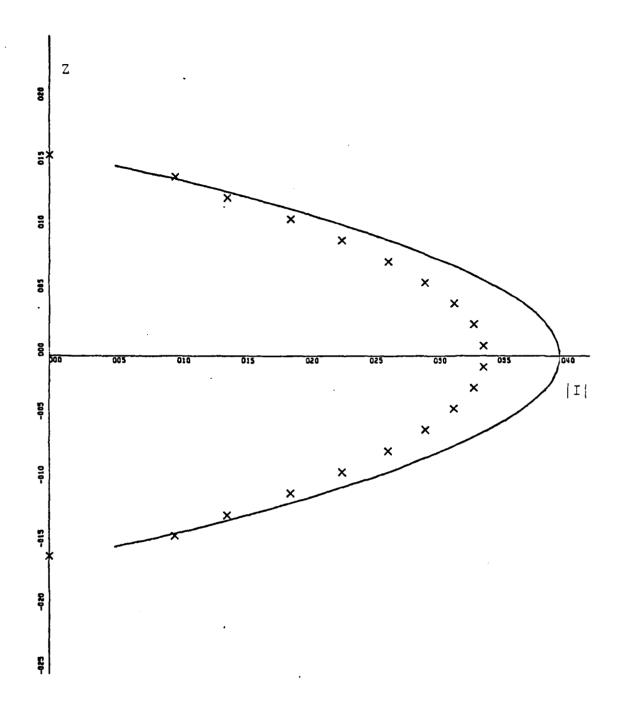
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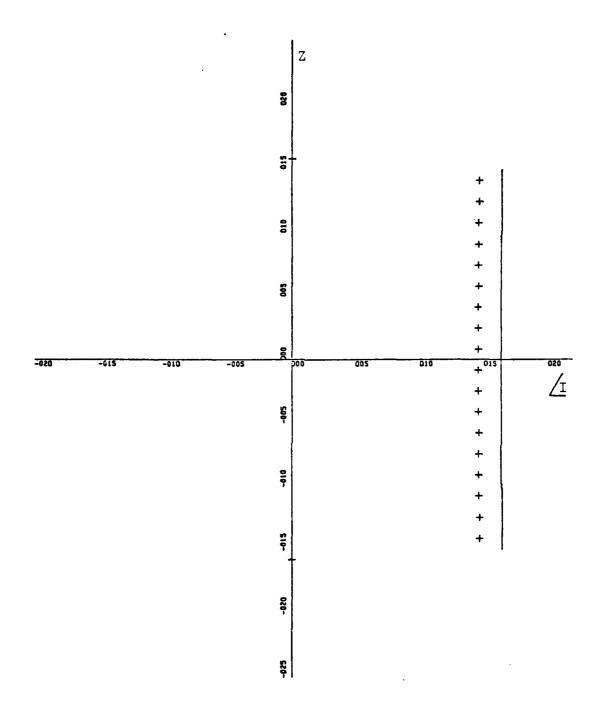
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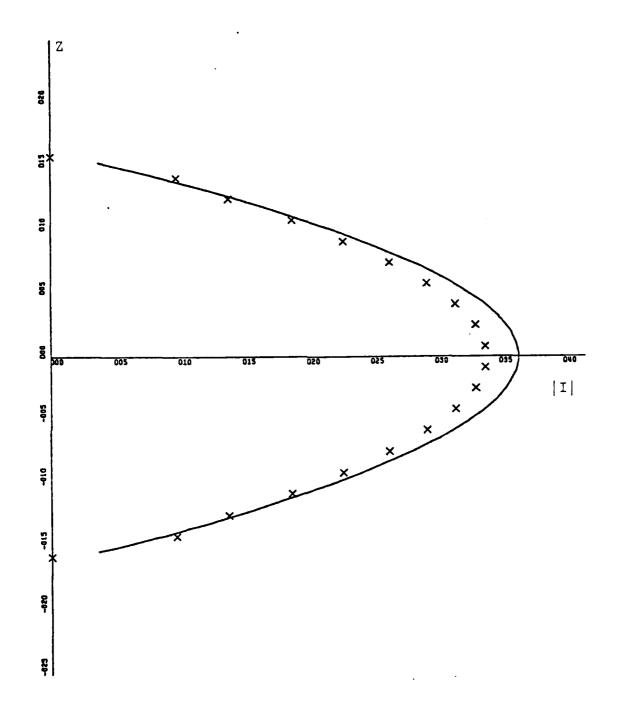
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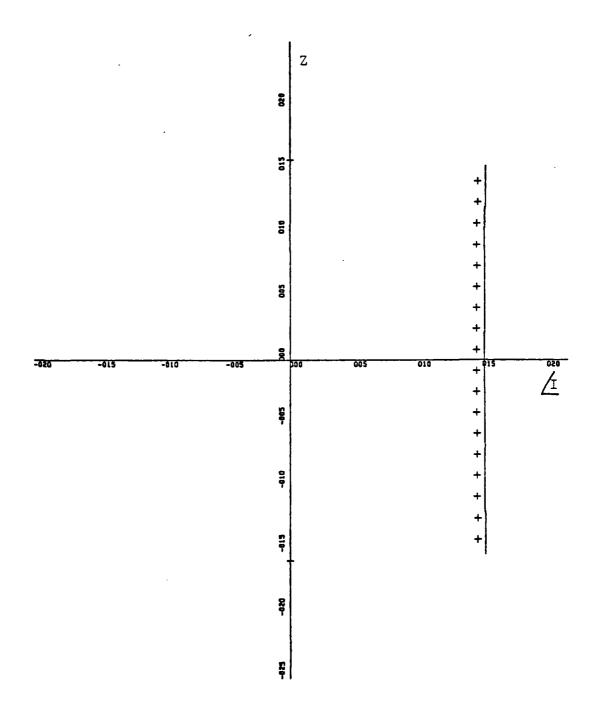
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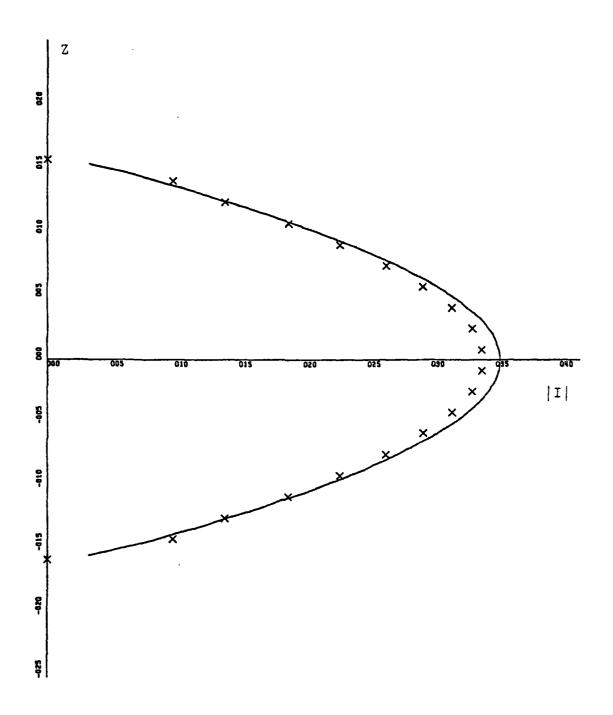
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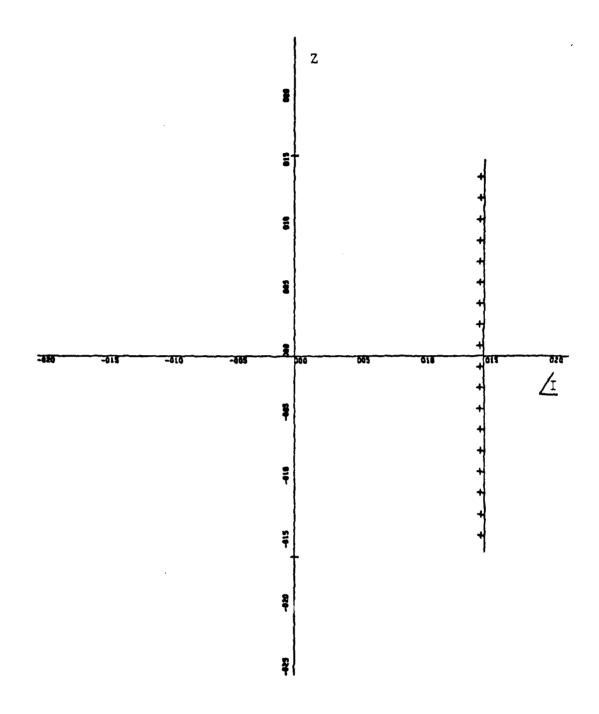
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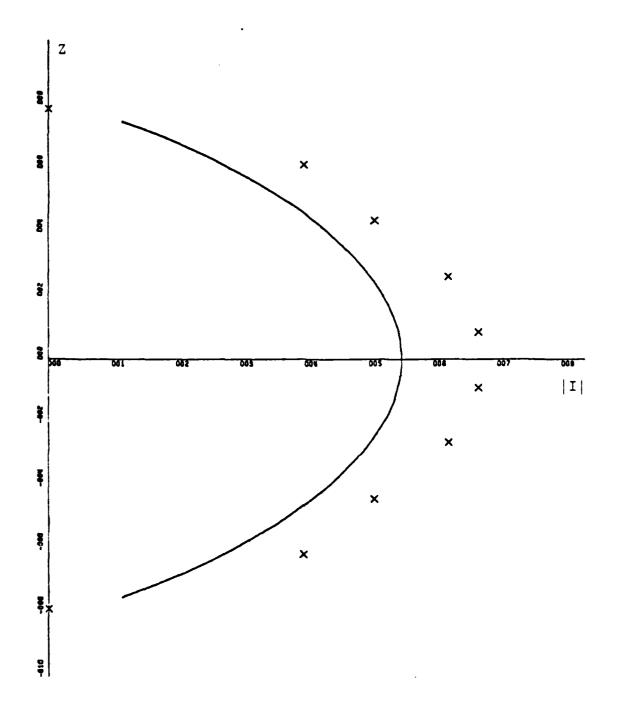
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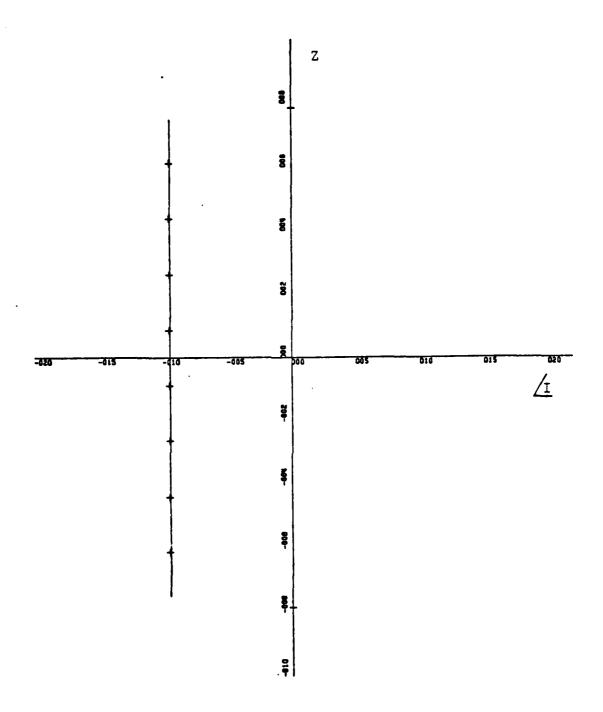
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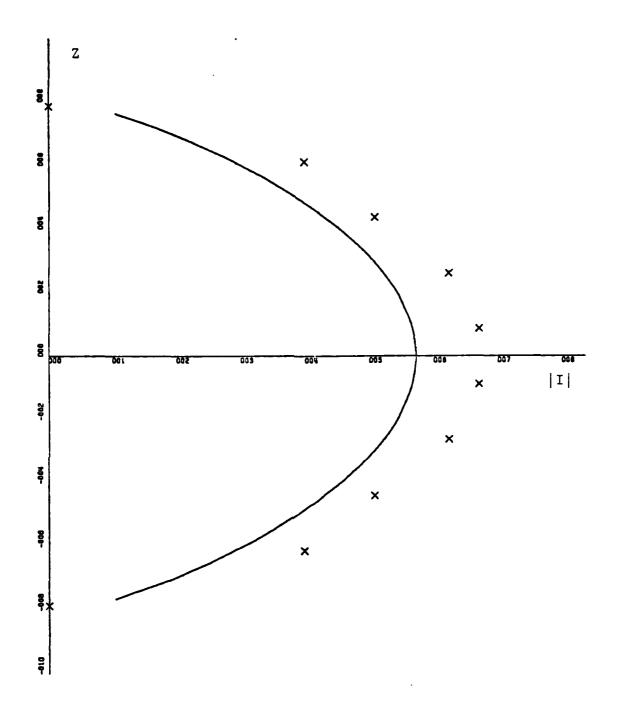
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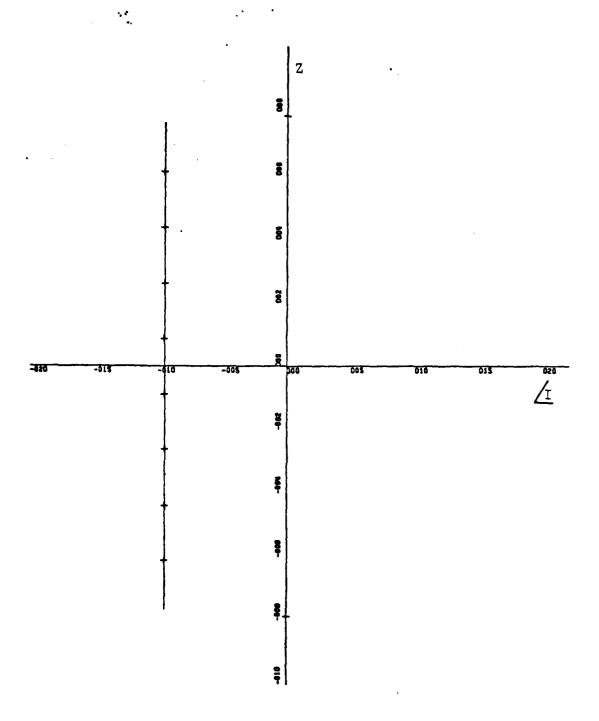
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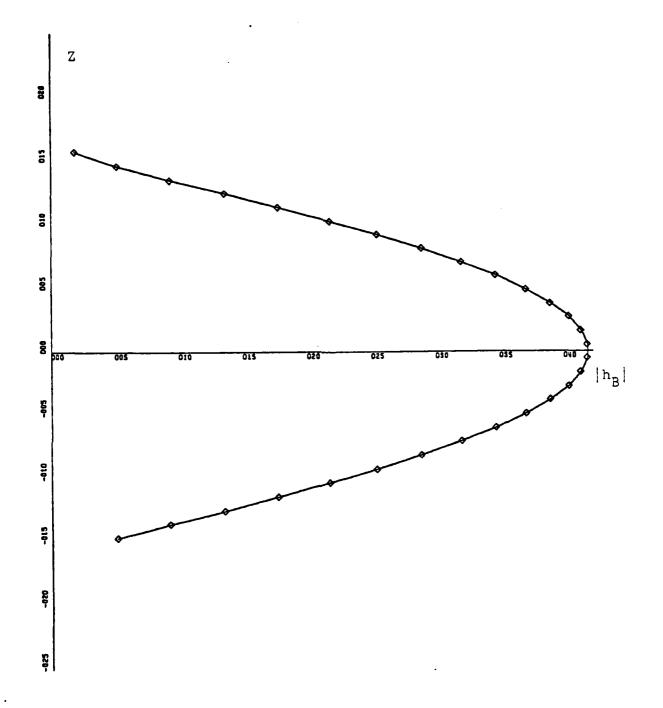
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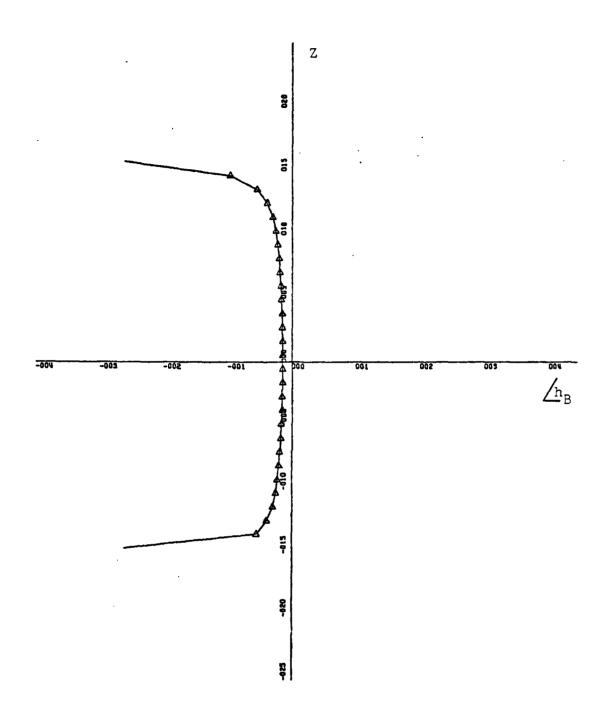
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COMPLEX CLN,2
ZR=REAL(2)
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ZABS=SORT(ZR\*Z3+ZI\*ZI)
R=ALOG(ZABS)
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CLN=CMPLX(R,FI)
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REAL X(NX)
COMPLEX G(NX)
P1=3.14.15927
XM=X(M)
DO 11 N=1,NX
XN=X(M)
R=SORT((XN-XM)+4A+4A)
FJRMAT(10X,E12.4)
C=CJS(XKO+R)
S=-1.\*SIN(XKO+3)
G(N)=CMPLX(C,S)/(4.0\*P1\*R)
RETURN
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IF(XI) = SIN(Z\*, +ZNW)
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